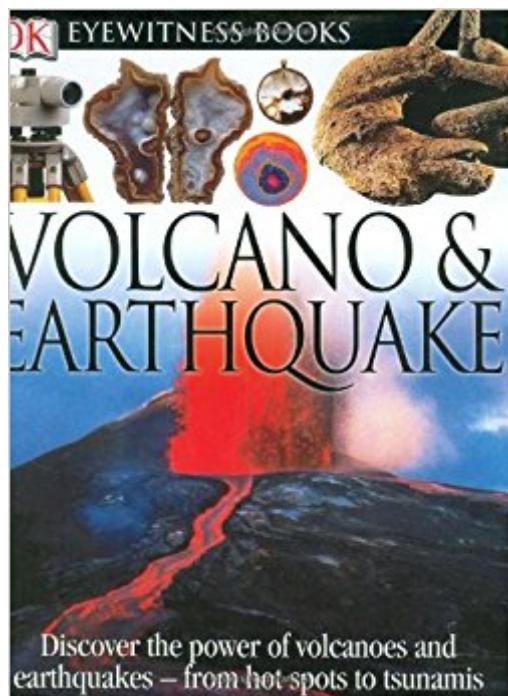


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# Volcanoes And Earthquakes (DK Eyewitness Books)



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## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 4-7-- Some of nature's most spectacular phenomena get the ``Eyewitness'' treatment, with the gorgeous graphics and outstanding design that characterize this series. As usual, coverage is primarily visual, with brief introductory text and informative captions. The account starts with an overall perspective showing how volcanoes and earthquakes occur, with related events like steam

vents and boiling mud. Effects on humans and attempts to measure and predict these events are treated. Even volcanism on other planets (mostly their moons) is shown. The striking photographs include a shot of a Philippine town dusted by Mount Pinatubo; the people's colorful clothes clash with the ashy whiteness covering all the houses and the ash-darkened sky. In another spread the ash cloud from Mount St. Helens can be seen rushing down the mountainside in three successive photos. This book will attract readers to an already popular topic, and will provide one of the most effective introductions available. Mary Elting's *Volcanoes and Earthquakes* (S. & S., 1990) offers much of the same information in more text-oriented form, with less attractive visuals.

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DK books are consistently high-quality. This one is no exception. Good layout, crisp imagery, good information laid out in such a way that both my children were interested in multiple viewings of the book. It's still a highly trafficked book by them, along with several other DK books. This is, of course, a book with just informational highlights about volcanoes and earthquakes, so don't expect to read a scholarly journal if you purchase it. As an overview, however, the book does an outstanding job. The book is a perfect example of why, when looking for books for the kids' library, I always focus on finding DK books first. That approach hasn't failed me yet. In a very general sense, bravo to DK's authors and layout professionals.

My students love looking at the pictures. I give it to my accelerated kids that finish early. I tell them to find something that interests them and then research it with on netbooks.

I bought this Eyewitness book together with the one concerning "Weather", and these are the first Eyewitness Books which I've bought or have read, and I must say that they are excellent and just like I wanted them to be. I owe some thicker books about volcano and earth quake, as for example about Krakatoa and the California Earthquake in 1906, but I besides also wanted a book with many pictures, among other for showing to a girl who here is studying in high school, when I explain to her what is what. Or just for other persons who like to find out by them self. In the book there are many

good pictures among other showing the history concerning the different technical tools through history for sensing and measuring earthquakes. And good sides with many pictures concerning Vesuvius, Pompeii and Herculaneum, which we learn about in the school, and were there still are being discovered new details showing what went on in the year 79 CE. And with the book printed in 2008 then being up to date. And the CD, and back in the book the A1 bill for putting on the wall, also being fine. As everybody know we here close to Thailand out in the ocean the 26th of December in 2004 we one of the biggest earthquakes known in history in the last hundreds of years, which resulted in hundred of thousand person who died over big parts of the World. And sometimes we in the house can feel that we again have an earthquake. In Denmark from were I come we have no idea about volcano or earthquake other than what we learn in school, the news, or maybe as tourist in another country.

Nephew requested present. He loved it.

I have an autistic child who loves earthquakes, and he is having so much fun with this. The pictures and dvd are wonderful. Would def. recommend...

My 4-year-old grandson has developed an interest in volcanoes (He's his mother's boy!) and I was given the task of finding books for him. I found a few for young children, and although he is much younger than the age group recommended for this book, I have had a long-standing purchase history with Eyewitness Books, so I ordered it. It is his favorite of the books I got -- he loves the graphics and photos, and his Mom and brother read the text to him. He has favorite pages, and even looks for "toy volcanoes and earthquakes" when he's at the store with his family.

The entire collection is fantastic (not only this book, but any within the collection). I gave 5 books to my boys for Christmas and keep getting more until I finish the collection. DK books are particularly good for kids because of the ridiculous number of drawings, graphics, and photographs. Worth every penny.

Let me preface this buy saying I love the Eye Witness books as a whole. I used to read them often as a kid and loved the awesome pictures with the short and concise explanations. Great information. My biggest problem with this particular book is that there are multiple pictures of statues showing full male genitalia in the pages of this book. I feel that these pictures of this nature are

unnecessary in a book made for children. Nevermind the fact that this is a book about volcanoes not statues.

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