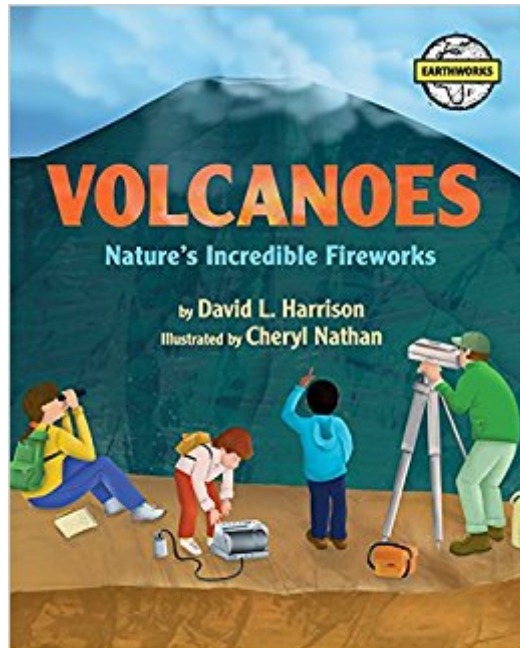




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# Volcanoes: Nature's Incredible Fireworks (Earth Works)



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Tremendous forces are at work below the earth's surface. Sometimes they make the ground rumble and shake. Other times they make mountains explode, spewing forth rock, gases, and lava. These mountains are called volcanoes. They are among nature's most spectacular creations--and one of its most dangerous. David L. Harrison takes us on a fascinating voyage beneath the earth's surface to show how volcanoes are created and why they erupt. From its hot, solid iron core, up to the earth's crust, he introduces us to magma, lava, the colliding plates that cause earthquakes, and other natural phenomena. With vivid illustrations by Cheryl Nathan, here is a look at how volcanoes work.

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Grade 2-3-In clear text and simple pictures, the author and illustrator offer a look at volcanoes and the forces at work deep beneath the earth. The book addresses basic questions such as how rocks get so hot that they melt and what causes a volcano. A colorful diagrammatic look at the four layers of the earth is followed by a fundamental explanation of plate tectonics. Passing mention is made of Mount St. Helens and the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. An author's note offers slightly more in-depth material. It's unfortunate that there is no glossary, but the book is still a fine addition

to libraries and a good jumping-off place for further exploration. Dona Ratterree, New York City Public Schools  
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Gr. 1-3. This colorful book from the Earthworks series captures the beauty and violence of volcanoes and explains the more fundamental, earth-shaking events underlying the dramatic pyrotechnics. Harrison, who also wrote *Rivers* [BKL Ap 1 02] and *Caves* (2001) for the same series, first describes volcanic eruptions, then explains why, where, and how they happen. The surprisingly graceful text is illuminated with dynamic artwork by Nathan, who illustrated *Rivers* and *Caves*. Here the expressive compositions, rich in color and subtle texture, serve as literal scenes of what's happening on the earth, and there are plenty of cross sections and diagrams of what's happening beneath the earth's crust. A good book to read aloud to primary-grade students. Carolyn Phelan  
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