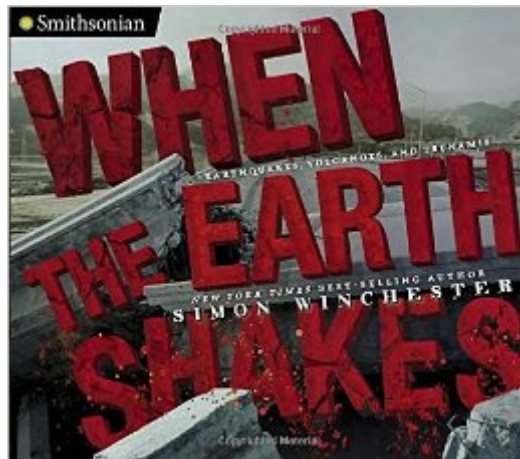


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# When The Earth Shakes: Earthquakes, Volcanoes, And Tsunamis (Smithsonian)



## Synopsis

Earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis. Headline-making natural disasters with devastating consequences for millions of people. But what do we actually know about these literally earth-shaking events? New York Times bestselling author, explorer, journalist, and geologist Simon Winchester—who's been shaken by earthquakes in New Zealand, skied through Greenland to help prove the theory of plate tectonics, and even charred the soles of his boots climbing a volcano—looks at the science, technology, and societal impact of these inter-connected natural phenomena. A master nonfiction storyteller, Winchester digs deep into the powerful natural forces that shape the earth, exploring the how and why of world-changing events from the 19th-century's infamous volcanic eruption at Krakatoa and the earthquake that flattened San Francisco, to the 21st-century tsunamis that devastated Indonesia and Japan. It's a gripping story about what happens when our seemingly unmovable planet shakes, explodes, and floods—all richly illustrated with fascinating historical and stunning contemporary photographs.

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## Customer Reviews

Students will be inspired to be scientists if they read this book about what happens when the earth

shakes, and what makes the earth shake. I have read Winchester's books for adults. More adult writers of non-fiction should write for students. This book would be excellent for first grade through middle school. Earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis are the title chapters, with an interesting introduction regarding how Winchester started writing books. The photos are striking, and the writing is strong. As a former headmistress of a private school, I support encouraging more non-fiction reading such as this book. It shows that non-fiction can be as fun as fiction.

Winchester's book is an interesting introduction to geological phenomena for children. The illustrations, along with the author's personal experiences -- in particular, Anak Krakatoa in the Sunda Strait of Indonesia, are entertaining and ought to fascinate younger readers. (He dedicated the book to his grandchildren.)

Extremely well done. My 11 year old grand kids (twins) studied it intensely, as did I. We consider it one of the most important works we've studied.

Good book- Simon Winchester is a great writer and I have enjoyed every one of his books!

Simon continues to write so eloquently and makes the whole story so interesting

Interesting perspectives of certain geologic forces with human interaction.

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