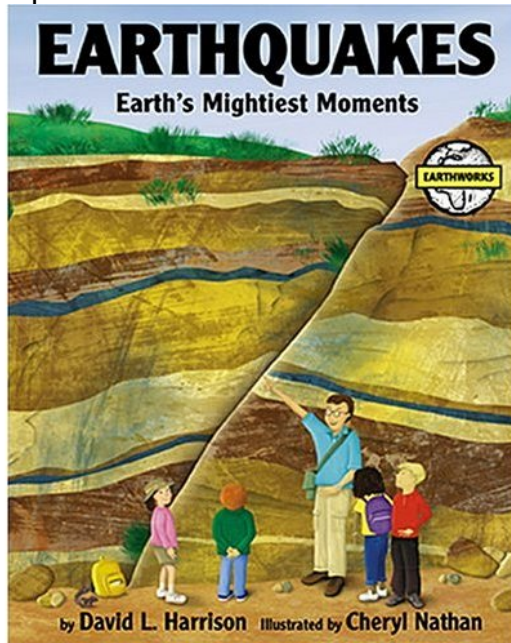


Earthquakes



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A useful yet fun introduction to the topic. Instead of taking the typical cut-and-dried approach to presenting information, Harrison provides a lively text that will draw readers in. The book opens with an attention-grabbing glimpse at a pioneer family in Missouri in 1811, as the settlers experience "the worst earthquake in the history of the United States." The colorful collage artwork and accessible narrative clearly describes the layers of the earth, plate tectonics, the scientists that study earthquakes, and what causes mountains and trenches. The vivid, two-page illustrations are both attractive and informative. Purchase this title if you need to beef up this subject area for the youngest researchers.

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This book, presented in picture book format, introduces the young reader to earthquakes. It begins by describing the 1811 quake in New Madrid, Missouri. It then explains how the earth is made of rock called tectonic plates. It shows a wonderful vivid cutout of the earth's layers. Then it explains what happens to cause earthquakes. The 1989 San Francisco earthquake is mentioned. Tsunamis are explained, as well as volcano formations. The book concludes by introducing seismologists and the work that they do to study earthquakes. This is a very attractive and informative book which serves as a great introduction to earthquakes for primary grade children. The text is simple and engaging for the intended audience to comprehend the basics.

Journal Inquirer (Manchester, CT)

There are millions of earthquakes every year, and they can range from being barely noticeable to causing incredible destruction and even making rivers change course. With the aid of vivid illustrations, David L. Harrison does a marvelous job of explaining how and why earthquakes occur.