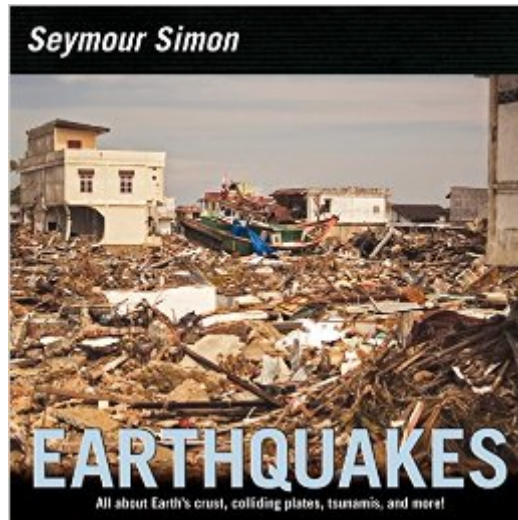


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# Earthquakes



## Synopsis

Seymour Simon knows how to explain science to kids and make it fun. He was a teacher for over twenty years, has written more than 250 books, and has won multiple awards. In *Earthquakes*, Simon introduces elementary-school readers to earthquakes through engaging descriptions and stunning full-color photographs. He teaches readers why and how earthquakes happen and the damage they can cause through pictures, diagrams, and maps. He also gives real life examples of earthquakes that have occurred all over the world. This book includes a glossary and index. Supports the Common Core State Standards

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

These Seymour Simon (Smithsonian) books are a joke. \$7 dollars for a book that is thinner than most magazines. Ridiculous, your paying for the Smithsonian name only. I bought a few of these books at the same time and I have regretted wasting my money since they have come in. The people who give good reviews are either too easily impressed or just don't know what a good book is. Buyer Beware!

Since I had read so many of Simon's books, I decided to go further into study of the earth. The

earthquake book was very well written and easy to understand if you don't want to go into total tech talk.

This is a very good beginning book on the subject for children. It begins with scientific information about how earthquakes occur, and then goes through what may happen during an earthquake, such as buildings falling down, fires, gas leaks, etc. It goes into further particulars, such as how it feels to be in an earthquake, and what safety measures to take. The illustrations are very simple, and not especially appealing, but they do help illustrate the points well. All in all, a good book for children ages 8 -12 who live in earthquake prone areas, especially.

Seymour Simon's 1991 book gives an excellent and terse overview of the important ideas about earthquakes. With key terms defined simply but accurately, all accentuated by large color photographic depictions of the effects of earthquakes, Simon explains the pertinent information: what causes earthquakes, what happens during an earthquake, and the different types of earthquakes. The book can be read from cover to cover, or bit by bit; each two-page spread stands fairly solidly on its own. The impact of the damage earthquakes can inflict is immediately apparent when the book opens with a stunning photograph of the way an earthquake turned "railroad tracks into twisted ribbons of steel." The most amazing photo in the book shows the way a wooden fence was "broken and offset eight feet" by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Simon takes what could be a very frightening concept for a young child and explains it in such a way as to make earthquakes more logical and less arbitrary. The final page of the book might be the best place for a nervous child to start reading, as Simon gives some suggestions of what to do during an earthquake. The book closes with the calming reassurance that the chances of being hurt in an earthquake are very slim. This book does not include a great deal of detail, but I think it does a good job of what it is intended to do: introduce a child to the subject of earthquakes. The photographs are my favorite part.

I purchased this book as apart of a 4th grade Literacy curriculum. It is convenient to present via SMART board to the class.

As a teacher, any book by Seymour Simon is a welcome addition to my library, especially now that informational text/nonfiction is being stressed on Common Core.

Good pictures of the damage that earthquakes can cause. Sometimes we don't realize how powerful earthquakes are. A book like this fills in important gaps.

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