

Earthquakes

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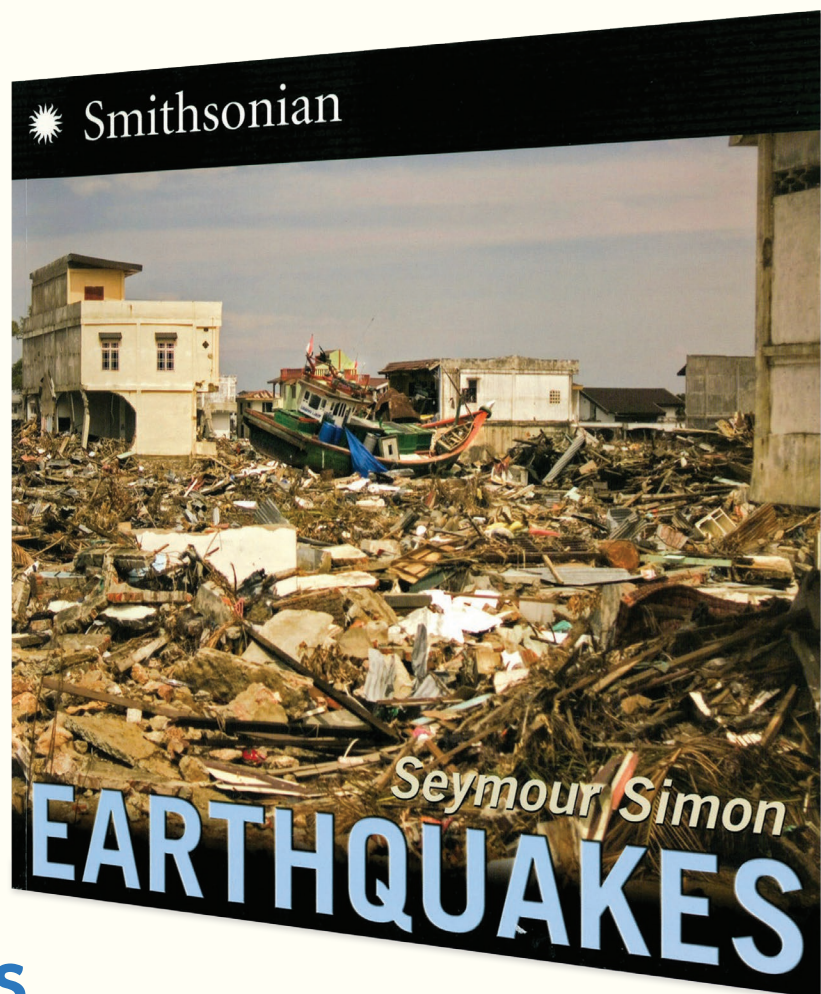
In *Earthquakes*, Seymour Simon introduces elementary school readers to earthquakes through engaging descriptions and stunning, full-color photographs. He teaches readers why and how earthquakes happen and the damage they can cause through pictures, diagrams, and maps. He also gives real-life examples of earthquakes that have occurred all over the world.

Theme

Exploring Impact and Effect

Benchmark Vocabulary

Churns	Populated
Dense	Predict
Detect	Registers
Effects	Slightest
Energy	Strains
Erupted	Stresses
Foundations	Vertical
Immense	Violent
Instruments	



Close Read Questions

- What are some patterns can you observe based on the maps?
- What is the relationship between these two areas and the plates that make up Earth's crust? What is the relationship between these areas and the red dots on this map? What does this map tell the reader about the relationships between earthquakes and these two places? How might their locations affect the kinds of stories told by people who live in these places?
- During the October 1989 earthquake in San Francisco, why was the damage greater in the Marina district than in other parts of the city?
- What have you learned about the impact of earthquakes on large bodies of water? Let's look for details in the text that support this answer. What evidence could you cite?
- What advice does the author have for anyone indoors during an earthquake? Why is this good advice?
- What do you think the author suggests that people stay out of elevators or stairways if they are in tall buildings?