

The Earth Dragon Awakes

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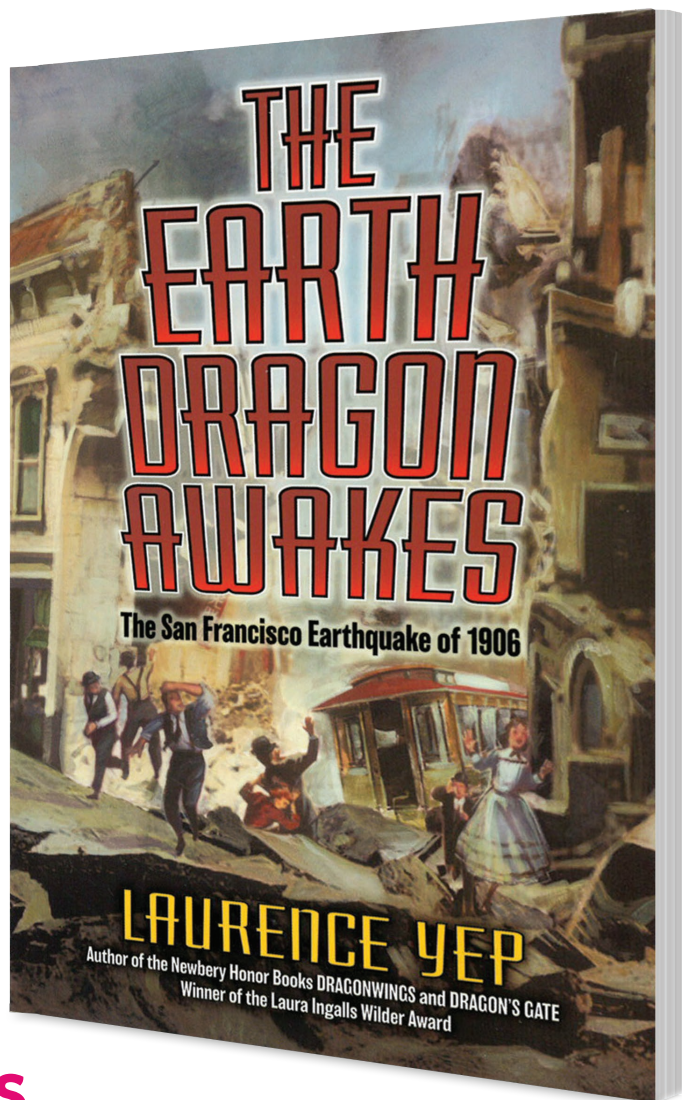
Based on actual events of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and told from the alternating perspectives of two young friends, *The Earth Dragon Awakes* chronicles the thrilling story of the destruction of a city, and the heroes that emerge in its wake.

Theme

Facing Challenges and Change

Benchmark Vocabulary

Confidence	Plunges
Courage	Revenge
Dazed	Ruins
Dialect	Scatters
Insurance	Surges
Missiles	Trample
Parched	Twitches



Close Read Questions

- What is your interpretation of the Travises' response, "Trouble brings out the worst in some people," "Trouble brings out the best in people, too,"? Explain your answer based on what you read.
- Henry responds to people fleeing the city with all different kinds of possessions by thinking to himself, "People save the oddest things." Why do you think Henry thought that, and what did he mean by it? Explain your answer based on what you read.
- The Afterword states, "Most people think the fire was more destructive than the earthquake. That may not be true." How does the author support this statement?
- Why do you think the author includes personal information about his own family in the Afterword?
- How has the earthquake changed Henry and Chin? Show me details in the text that support your answer.
- Chin compares his Chinese village to San Francisco. What details does he point out? Show me where these details are in the text.