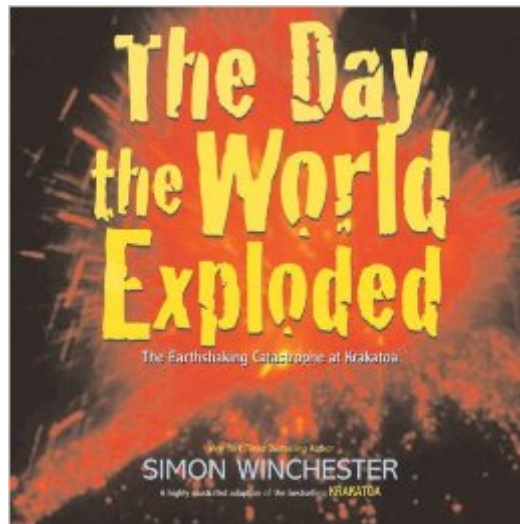


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# The Day The World Exploded: The Earthshaking Catastrophe At Krakatoa



## Synopsis

Eruptions. Explosions. Shock waves. Tsunamis. The almighty explosion that destroyed the volcano island of Krakatoa was followed by an immense tsunami that killed more than thirty thousand people. The effects of the waves were felt as far away as France, and bodies were washed up in Zanzibar. Today, one hundred and twenty-five years after the volcano erupted in one of the greatest catastrophes the world has ever known, the name Krakatoa is still synonymous with disaster. In this illustrated account based on Simon Winchester's bestselling Krakatoa, the colossal explosion is brought to vivid life. From the ominous warnings leading up to the eruption to the wave of killings it provoked, here is an engaging and insightful look at what happened on the day the world exploded.

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## Customer Reviews

I read this myself before passing on to great-grandson. The illustrations and photos are well done, and the text presents good information presented in an interesting manner. Additionally, the story makes connections with other scientific and historic events, enough to lead to further studies, and there is an index to enable reviewing specific areas. Oh, and Tony, age 10, also enjoyed it. We had a nice visit about it.

My child was utterly fascinated by this book. The text is great -- taking the reader to Batavia and the lifestyle of the time. The book delivers tons of full-color photographs, contemporary photographs of Krakatoa, full-page illustrations, maps of the tsunamis and the shipping lanes. Outstanding book for science-minded kids. My little guy is a little young for this book -- I like that it stretches his knowledge. He is so interested in natural disasters -- this book feeds his hungry little eyes for a long time.

This book is so cool. It is the children's version of Simon Winchester's excellent Krakatoa, but with drawings, commentary, science, and photos of Krakatoa and other volcanos. The book is the informative and interesting and a great gift for an older child who loves history, or science, or good true stories, or plate tectonics, or volcanos and stuff that explodes. Great text and illustrations.

I was very impressed with the flow of the story. After reading several books concerning this event in history I found this book very informative and a different perspective and approach to the event. Very pleased and worth rereading at a later date. I would have enjoyed more of a brief on the book before my purchase although it would have not kept me from purchasing the book.

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