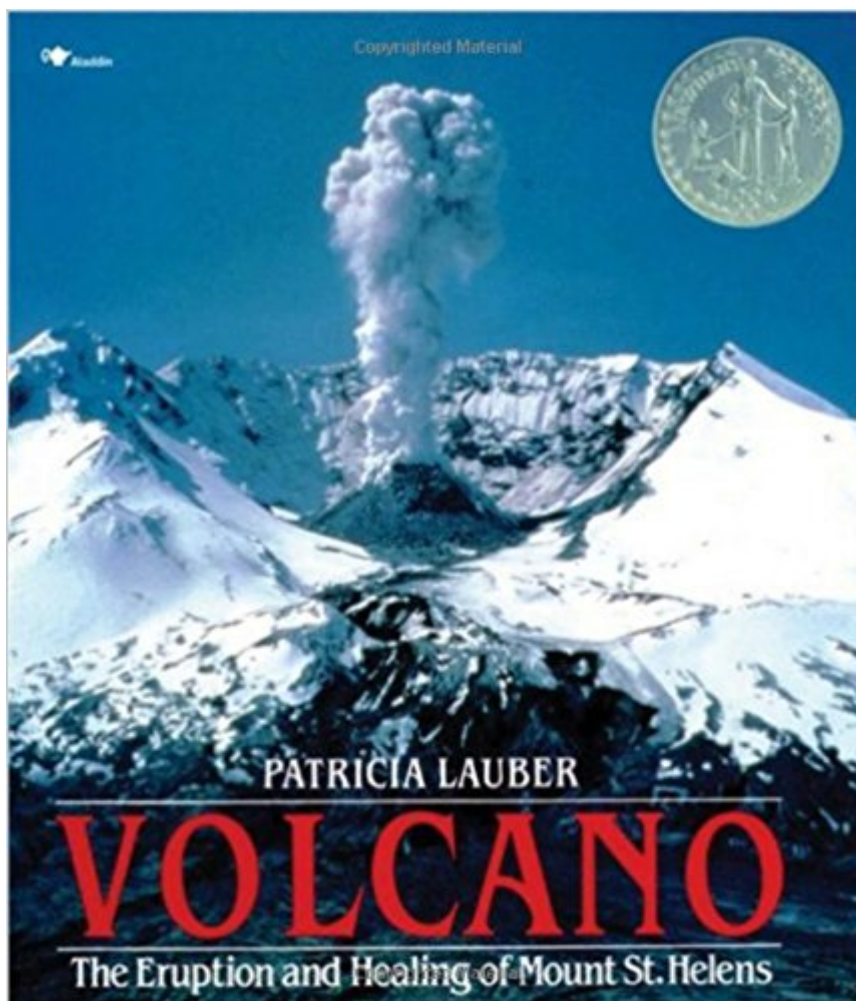


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# Volcano: Eruption And Healing Of Mt. St Helen's



## Synopsis

May 18, 1980, 8:32 A.M.: An earthquake suddenly triggered an avalanche on Mount St. Helens, a volcano in southern Washington State. Minutes later, Mount St. Helens blew the top off its peak and exploded into the most devastating volcanic eruption in U.S. history. What caused the eruption? What was left when it ended? What did scientists learn in its aftermath? In this extraordinary photographic essay, Patricia Lauber details the Mount St. Helens eruption and the years following. Through this clear accurate account, readers of all ages will share the awe of the scientists who witnessed both the power of the volcano and the resiliency of life.

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## Customer Reviews

Dramatic photographs and forthright text paint a compelling picture of the devastation and gradual rebuilding following this 1980 cataclysm. Ages 7-10. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 4-8 After the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980, a number of fine books for young readers appeared which discussed at length this catastrophe, the devastation it created, and the geologic forces which caused it. Although providing less detail in these areas, Lauber brings the other titles

up-to-date by describing the biological succession and geological changes which have since occurred at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. This provides an excellent example of the interdependence of all plant and animal life. How the Earth itself creates new environments for living things which in turn reshape the Earth is demonstrated visually as well as verbally. The captioned high-quality color photographs are well-integrated with the text, superbly illustrating the written material. This volume is more suited to younger readers than the Aylesworths' *The Mount St. Helens Disaster* (Watts, 1983) and Goldner's *Why Mount Saint Helens Blew Its Top* (Dillon, 1981), and is more current. Meryl Silverstein, Meyer Levin Junior High School Library, Brooklyn Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When my daughter's daycare class started exploring volcanoes last fall I really wanted to get a good book on volcanoes to help me explain them to her well. This book was one of the most recommended books on the subject that I carried so it was a natural choice. That it explores the devastation wrought by Mt. St. Helens' 1980 eruption was all the better since we had just visited the area a couple months before. Well, instead of the book going to the daycare for sharing it's stayed home as a bedtime book. I typically just sort of narrate the very good images in the book and when she asks a question I refer to the text around that image for more information. The book has fantastic photos of the area (rivers, lakes, trees standing and just utterly blasted away, as well as plants and animals returning to the area) before and after the eruption. There is no photo capturing any human or animal suffering but the billowing ash and smoke was enough to worry my 5-year-old a bit - she certainly understood what those pictures meant. The text is, in some ways, even better than the photos because it provides a great deal of introductory terms from geology and other physical sciences without being too boring or too difficult for a parent to supplement on the fly. "Volcano" is an excellent way to explain what volcanoes are and what they can do as well as how the earth is resilient, continually changing, and perhaps can appear serene and whole when just a few short years ago (even within my daughter's father's lifetime!!) the land looked barren and gray.

I got this for my 8 year old Grandson but found myself totally engrossed in it when I read it. So informative, and breaks down the dynamics of volcanos in a way that readers of all ages can understand. Love it!

This book is a classic. Patricia Lauber has managed to successfully communicate a lot of scientific

information, with great transitions that I think are perfect for kids. I recommend this title to anyone.

My son is obsessed with volcanoes particularly Mt St. Helens. He received this book for Christmas and has read it several times now.

Looked like a good book, but had purchased it as a gift for an 8 year old who liked volcanoes. It was not what I expected... A little more advanced than what I wanted. So, returned it.

So much detail in this book - it really got my daughter excited to read and learn more about the subject.

great book

It arrived in a timely manner and I was glad to learn that plant life is growing...

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