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Volcanoes (A Firefly Guide)



Synopsis

Volcanoes describes in stunning detail 100 active volcanoes around the planet. Every entry describes the principal characteristics of the volcano, such as the geodynamic environment leading to its formation, its structure, special features, morphology, its method of eruption, and the materials erupted. There are also traveler's directions for reaching each volcano. The word volcano usually evokes images of cone-shaped mountains with smooth, steep slopes and a plume of smoke rising skyward. This, however, is only one of the five types of volcanoes. In this comprehensive guide, readers will learn about these basic types: Island-Arc volcanoes (Alaska, Japan and Indonesia) Hot-Spot volcanoes (Hawaii) Ocean-Ridge volcanoes (Iceland) Continental-Margin volcanoes (North America and the Andes) Continental-Rift volcanoes (eastern Africa) Written and illustrated by experts in the field, Volcanoes will appeal to readers interested in science and natural history; travelers to regions of volcanic activity; students; and inhabitants of areas exposed to volcanic eruptions. The book also addresses predicting eruptions and how to minimize the risks posed by them.

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Customer Reviews

This a beautifully printed little book, loaded with jaw-dropping, high-resolution photographs and diagrams in stunning color. The first part of the book covers the science of volcanism, and the second part (consisting about 80% of the book) is something I have always wanted: a survey of all the great volcanoes of the world, each illustrated with beautiful photographs and diagrams. The

latitude and longitude as well as the elevation of each volcano is given, followed by the specification of the volcano type, a geological history of the volcano, and a description of access and principal attractions. You're not going to believe the variety of colors and types of volcanoes photographed in this book.

This book is a fine introduction to the science, power, and beauty of volcanoes. The text is written for the lay person and will not bowl the reader over with technical jargon or esoteric equations. It is well organized and very well written. A particularly good feature is the review of many of world's best known,(and some not-so-well known), volcanoes, by way of short chapters on each. Each volcano is described in terms of location, type of volcano, dangerousness. and eruptive pattern.The book is excellently illustrated in what appears to be a four-color format. These photographs alone would make this book a keeper. Some are simply spectacular. The book's numerous explanatory diagrams are also in color and seamlessly blend with the fine text and photographs to produce a comprehensive guide and text.I would recommend this book to anyone with an interest in physical geology or volcanoes, whether neophyte or expert.

Living in Hawaii, I realized that a) volcanoes are awesome and b) I wanted to learn more about them. Enter the firefly guide to volcanoes-- simple, fun, lots of pictures. Organized by locations of volcanoes around the world. Gives you a lot to learn! Organized reminiscent of a middle school textbook, but whatever. Lots of info, pictures, and fun! I like it.

I bought this book for my grandson because he is always borrowing a messed up copy from the library and complaining that they are markedup or dammaged. I bought him a new copy. He loves it and carries it around with him. Thank you for you great service.

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