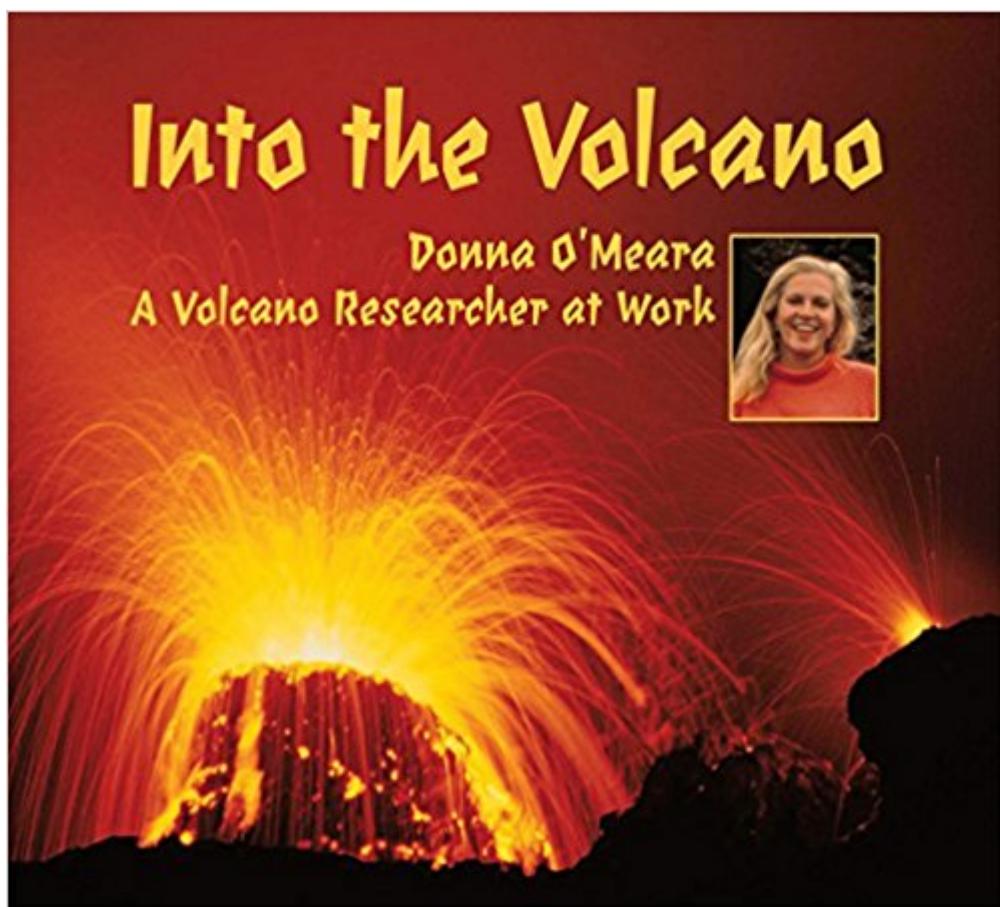


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# Into The Volcano: A Volcano Researcher At Work



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In a helicopter with no doors, she hovers over a lava lake the size of two football fields --- then lands! She runs through clouds of scalding steam, dodging lava bombs, to photograph glowing hot lava as it pours into the sea. She sets up camp on the edge of a volcano's cone, only to be hit with hurricane-force winds, poisonous gases and acidic ash. Witness a typical day in the life of Donna O'Meara --- volcano researcher, writer and photographer. Donna's photographs and accounts of treacherous journeys get readers up close and personal with some of the world's most dangerous volcanoes.

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Gr. 4-6. Donna O'Meara and her husband, Steve, explore active volcanoes, gather data about them, and photograph volcanic eruptions for magazines, such as National Geographic. Following a description of her early life, O'Meara vividly describes her visits to observe volcanoes in Hawaii, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Italy. The extreme conditions in and around these sites turned the trips into adventures, highlighted by memorable elements such as melting sneakers, a rain of football-size globs of lava, back-country banditos, hypothermia, airborne ash, and toxic gases. Illustrating the text are exceptionally fine photos of volcanic landscapes and members of the

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