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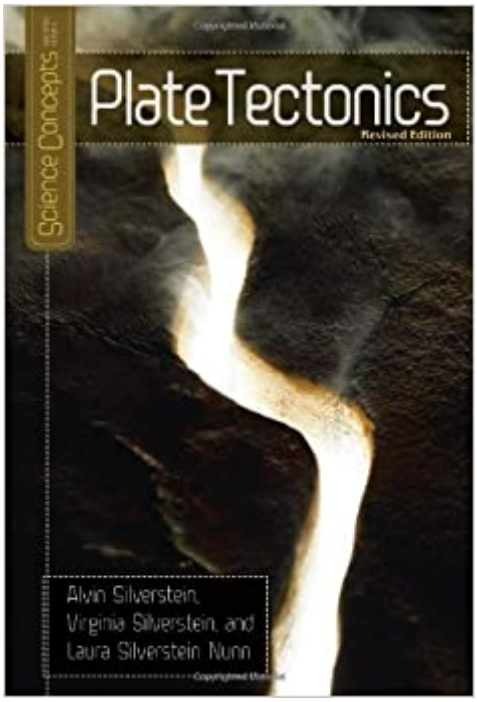

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Synopsis

Each book in this series develops a fundamental concept of science. Each title explains the concept, gives some background, and discusses current applications and developments. This is an informative series designed to satisfy inquisitive young minds.

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Grade 7-10-These veteran science writers outline the development of Western civilization’s ideas about the structure of the earth, and accurately present the plate tectonic theory as the currently dominant view. After explaining how scientists confirmed it, they lay out its ramifications, including how volcanoes and earthquakes occur, calling them "earth’s safety valves." The authors conclude by mentioning prospects for predicting earthquakes and eruptions, uses of geothermal energy, and examples of plate tectonics on other planets. The writing is clear, with several real-life examples to add immediacy and relevance to the text. The full-color photos, maps, and diagrams are for the most part well captioned and informative. There are a couple of minor slips, e.g., the citation for the map of the tectonic plates is incorrectly paged, and a photo that is supposed to show the flow of molten iron and nickel in the outer part of the earth’s core is confusing. The list for further reading includes several pages of Internet addresses. Roy Gallant’s Earth (Marshall Cavendish, 1998) lacks the color illustrations but covers the same topics in greater depth and has a more reliable selection of Web sites. Sean Grady’s Plate Tectonics (Lucent, 1991; o.p.) has better diagrams of earthquake waves but doesn’t draw as close connections with biological evolution as the Silversteins do. All in

all, a competent introduction to the topic.Jonathan Betz-Zall, Sno-Isle Regional Library System, Edmonds, WA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Drawings were very basic and written to cover the schooling for Jr High but not a very helpful and educational volume.

Great science book for children

This book discusses the theory of plate tectonics and how it connects to volcanic and earthquake activity. It gives the history of how the plate tectonic theory evolved and includes many small pictures and diagrams. Relevant and interesting examples are provided in boxed areas, but a few boxed areas that appear in the middle of pages are distracting. At times I was wishing for diagrams

of things being discussed in the text while the page included a diagram or photo of something else. Overall, an informative discussion.

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