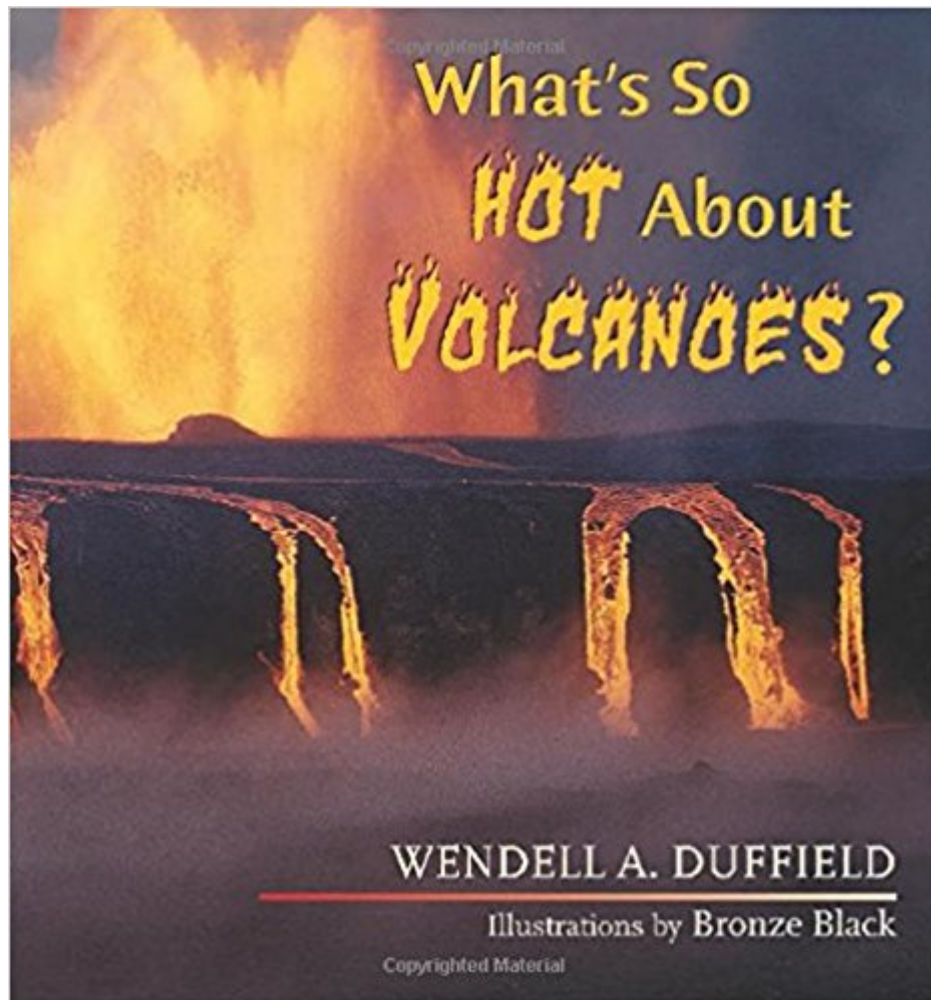




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Customer Reviews

Wendell Duffield received a PhD in geology from Stanford University in 1967. During the following four decades, he studied volcanoes around the world as an employee of the U.S. Geological

Survey. Now retired, Duff leads field trips, consults about geothermal energy, and writes books and articles for the general audience. Duff and his wife, Anne, spend summers in the lake country of northwestern Wisconsin and winters in Flagstaff, Arizona.

I never knew squat about volcanoes except what you see on the news when one goes off. I bought this book to see what they are all about. It's a well written book authored by someone who knows his stuff. The explanations of volcano types and the material spewing from them are easy to understand. The story of what is going on under our feet many many miles down is fascinating. I recommend this book to adults who want to know more about these monsters from down under, way down under. I strongly recommend it to high schoolers who may, after reading this book, decide being a geologist and doing what the author has done would make a fantastic career.. I plan to pass this book on to other like minded friends.

This book was a quick read with information I did not know previously. It makes a good addition to the other "coffee table" books concerning the geology of Arizona. We live two miles from an extinct (we hope) volcano and there are many more in the area. Just last week, there was a minor (3.1) earthquake a few mile north of where we live. Flagstaff and the Santa Fe Peaks are also only an hour or so drive away.

This is for my son who is a geologist it is a Christmas gift

Nice concise summary of volcanoes. Table of compositions, melting temperatures, and eruptive types especially useful for non geologists.

This book is very educational, and it's very easy to pick things up from it. I highly recommend it to anyone that is interested in volcanoes and their geological aspects. It's very well written, making the information easy to understand. It's a great book for people just getting interested in these types of things, and it's also great for more advanced people since they can get more information that they may not have known. It's definitely a great book, and I'm glad to have it in my collection.

I come from a family of geologists, even a cousin who is a volcanologist. This book explains a lot of geology, geophysics and volcanology in a way that I could understand it, enjoy it, and learn more. It is well written in a way that a non scientist can easily understand things. It is well illustrated. It was

fun to read. I highly recommend it.

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