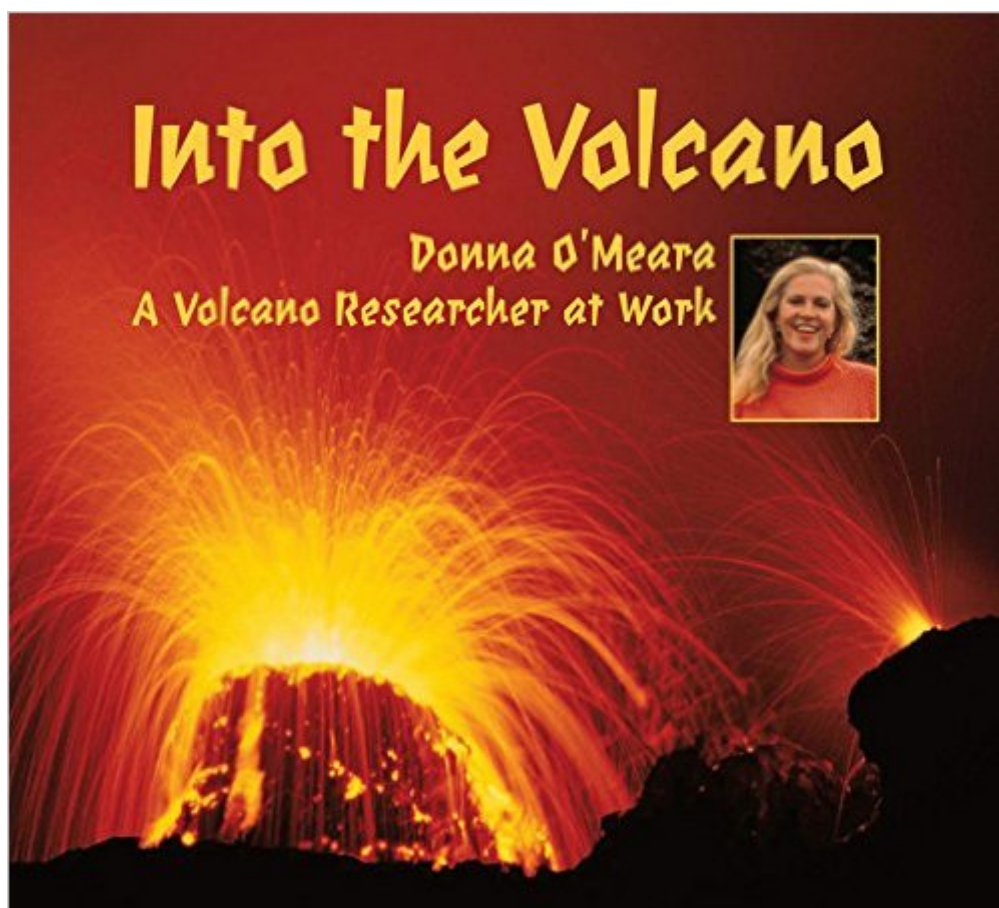


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# Into The Volcano: A Volcano Researcher At Work



## Synopsis

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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## Customer Reviews

"Hawaii's Kilauea volcano rumbles under my feet with thunder I feel in my stomach. The air reeks of burning metal. A towering dark steam cloud looms over me. Without warning, a football-sized chunk of gooey lava drops out of the cloud and plops on the ground near me. I duck and run as more hissing red chunks spatter everywhere. These "lava bombs" could crush a skull as if it were an eggshell. What on Earth am I doing here, on the world's most active volcano?" What O'Meara is doing there is research. Volcanoes are her passion. Along with husband Steve, O'Meara has traveled the world studying and photographing volcanoes. What sets this book apart from others on

the same topic are O'Meara's personal stories. In the chapter titled "Walk on the Wild Side," for example, O'Meara recounts her attempts to photograph-from the edge of a cliff-a lava tube pouring orange lava into the ocean. Her words and images combine to paint a vivid, compelling tale of both adventure and serious science. Incorporated throughout the text are beautifully illustrated sidebars filled with factual information. Readers will learn about volcano types, pyroclastic flows, types of lava and more. Along the way they will also learn about O'Meara-about how she returned to college at age 32, fell in love with volcanology, and dedicated her life to studying them. A glossary and well-done index are included. If volcanoes are a part of your curriculum, you must have at least one copy of Donna O'Meara's *Into the Volcano* in your classroom. Extremely accessible, informative, and entertaining, this is non-fiction at its best. Highly recommended. Suitable for district-wide purchase.

Why anyone would do this for a living, I don't know. But finally someone has given a detailed account of what it's like to be a volcanologist. Her story makes volcanoes even more interesting than they used to be. My son didn't want to put this book down.

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