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Get ready for some serious science fun when the Friz takes the kids on an explosive journey into the heart of a volcano!

Hi, I'm Dorothy Ann, one of the kids in Ms. Frizzle's class. When we started learning about volcanoes, I thought we'd just be studying them in books -- but Ms. Frizzle had other ideas. She took us all the way to Hawaii, where we waded through lava and saw a real volcano blow its top. We had a great time -- even though the trip was sometimes almost too hot to handle! One thing's for sure: This was one explosive adventure that none of us will ever forget!

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Gina Valdes says

The Magic School Bus series has always been a favorite of mine. I grew up reading these books so have a soft spot for them now. The magic school bus books are always about the students going on an adventure. The Teacher, Ms. Frizz, takes them on adventures into the ocean, the human body, space, etc., in order to teach her lesson. In this particular book, they went to Hawaii to see a volcano. The students got to learn first hand what lava was and how exactly volcanos operated. These books are usually all the same; the kids are in the classroom, Ms. Frizz needs to teach her lesson so they leave to go somewhere outlandish and unrealistic, then the kids learn a lot and arrive safely back at school. I think that these would be perfect books to read to 5th or 6th graders. Because they are so many different topics in every book, there is a wide variety to choose from. They would be perfect tools in a classroom to use when teaching a particular topic that needs help getting student's attention. It is always a good idea to use books in order to help with the curriculum.

Callie Stillion says

Ms. Frizzle takes her class to a volcano in Hawaii. The class is trying to learn about volcanoes for a class quiz bowl. Everyone goes into the hot lava and Carlos gets stuck in it. His shoe is now a piece of history!

Teri says

My girls got a few of these for Christmas and LOVED reading them on their own. I'm really surprised at the things they tell me out of the blue when they are done. "Mom, did you know sometimes a volcano keeps erupting over and over on the ocean floor, and when it gets tall enough it is an ISLAND!" I think a set of all of these chapter books would be nice for our library.

Vannessa Anderson says

Classmates go on an exciting fieldtrip at Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii where they experience a lava tube and see lava icicles, islands being formed and other interesting facts that'll make you say, I didn't know that!

Deanna says

The kids really liked this book. We had lots of good discussion from it. They want to read more about volcanos. They also had to tell their dad at dinner all the things they've learned about volcanos.

Amber M says

Genre: Nonfiction

Awards: None

Grade Level: 3-4

This book takes the students to Hawaii in a Magic School Bus, where they will wade through lava, tour the Sulfur Pits, visit the Ring of Fire, and experience an underwater volcanic eruption. I would read this book to my students while they were learning about volcano's or during a geography lesson. For a follow up activity, I would have the students correctly construct the three types of volcanoes out of "play dough". The students would work in small groups to complete this activity.

Amber says

5th-6th

The students from Ms. Frizzle's class always go on adventures. These adventures take the reader through volcanoes, the human body and or space. In the Voyage to the Volcano Ms. Frizzle took her students inside a volcano to explore how they work. The class explores the volcano with their school that shrinks to a smaller size. This makes the class the perfect size to enter the volcano to explore. The students learn how the center of the earth affects the lava and how the lava forms. The story is always very interesting but the illustrations always help bring it all to life. The vivid images help the reader understand this science topic.

What a great way to explore a topic feather. Ms. Frizzle helps students see the importance of volcano. Before giving student the task to complete a project on Volcano a teacher should have student read Ms. Frizzles story.

Laura says

Voyage to the Volcano is book in the Magic School Bus series.

In this science based chapter book, the kids and Ms. Frizzle head out in the Magic School Bus to Hawaii to learn all about volcanoes.

It is formatted like the other books in the series. This one has illustrations and sidebars that look like notebook paper reports written by the kids in the class.

In this adventure the bus turns into a raft, a helicopter and a submarine to take the young readers along on a fun trip. Learning about volcanoes on the land and under the sea becomes an interesting and sometimes scary adventure that will have your kids turning the pages to find out what happens next.

We were fortunate enough to see Kilauea at night while on Hawaii - it is amazing! If you are planning a trip with a grade school age child, this book would be a wonderful way to introduce them to the wonder of

volcanoes.

This series is a great way to teach children about the world around them. It encourages looking for answers by asking questions and going to other sources to find out how and why.

Dolly says

Our girls adore Magic School Bus and we've read every book we can get our hands on. This is a great chapter book; it is not too long, and still has lots of pictures. It offers a comprehensive look at volcanoes and the dangers of an active volcano.

Our girls loved the fact that the class goes to Hawaii. They really miss the islands and it gave us a chance to reminisce. We never brought them to Volcanoes National Park, so we'll have to do that someday.

Overall, it's an entertaining and exciting story - the author really brings the science to life. We have read many of the books in this series and we will certainly look for more of them at our local library.

Sarah says

Megan had already read this to herself, but wanted me to read it out loud as well. Jared liked me reading it to him, too. (They probably liked it mostly because they like to watch Magic School Bus on Netflix.) The story itself wasn't that exciting, but we did learn some stuff about volcanoes.

Mattison Bingham says

Miss Frizzle is always brings an adventure filled with suspense and laughter. In Voyage to Volcano, Frizzle takes her class to Hawaii to learn and visit an active volcano, Kilauea. Along the way, the different personalities of the students come into play, especially when they go inside the volcano. The class gets stuck in the hardened lava, someone's shoes begin to melt, and the class becomes worried that they will never make it back home. However, with the help of the magic school bus and Miss Frizzle, the bus drills itself out of the volcano and they finally make it home safely. The Magic School Bus series is great when needing to implement science and literacy into one book. Voyage to Volcano has many features that a nonfiction book has and gives readers fun facts about volcanoes and why they occur. Throughout the book, especially in suspenseful scenes, there are pictures for readers that demonstrate what is happening. For instance, one picture in the book showed how worried Arnold and the rest of the class was when the bus was stuck in the lava and everything was dark. Young readers will want to know what is going to happen next. Although I think there are better and newer books out there, the Magic School Bus series is great for transitional readers who also enjoy science.

Christina says

We visited Kilauea on Hawaii a few months ago, just like Ms. Frizzle and her crew. I'm glad I didn't get the

book before we went (if it had been in the library I would have borrowed it) as it definitely emphasized the drama of volcanoes. My volcano-loving 5-year-old was apprehensive enough before our visit to Volcanoes National Park without worrying about his shoes getting stuck in lava, a sudden eruption enveloping our vehicle, etc.

This was the first Magic School Bus book we'd read and I'm not sold on the format. There were a few illustrations that made it clear the illustrator either hadn't seen Kilauea in person or didn't care about accuracy. A non-fiction science of volcanoes book might have been as good or better for learning volcanology facts. For volcano fiction I prefer stories about Pele and Hawaiian mythology.

Sarah says

A classroom of children take a field trip with their teacher, Ms. Frizzle, in her Magic School Bus. The bus can morph into a jet, a boat, a sub, a helicopter, and more because, well, it's magic. During the adventure the children learn about and report on volcanoes.

It was a fun story that my children enjoyed.

Chris says

When I was a kid I always loved the Magic School Bus series, both books and cartoons. I'm happy that my kids like it equally.

This was a pretty good book, stuffed full of actual facts and information about volcanoes that not only the kids found interesting, I actually learned a good deal as well. Combined with a story of the kids exploring around Hawaii and getting into some pretty dangerous situations it was a fun read. It's 8 chapters, but some of them were really short, so I think I read it over 6 or so nights to them. The illustrations are somewhat sparse, though most of them were pretty good. There were more tiny ones with the facts, though. I'll definitely be getting more of these from the library for bed time stories.

Megan Morley says

DA is the main character. Her real name is Dorothy Ann, but she goes by DA. They go and meet this volcano scientist that Ms. Frizzle had heard about, and the volcano scientist becomes Dorothy Ann's friend. They save the scientist from the volcano! And they go into a volcano and have fun, and they are in a volcano tunnel, but then the eruption comes and run into the magic school bus. Then they are safe, and then they get their safety suits on from the magic school bus, and then they go in the volcano and have fun.

It was okay, I just didn't love it.
