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Hill Of Fire (I Can Read, Book 3) (I Can Read Level 3)



Synopsis

"El Monstruo!" Every day is the same for Pablo's father. Then one afternoon the ground grows, hisses smoke, and swallows up his plow. A volcano is erupting in the middle of his cornfield!

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 06 and up

Customer Reviews

I use this book with my ESL students 2nd-8th grade. What really makes it interesting is that it is a true story! I've been there, seen the church (what's left of it) and met the people. The only thing not true is there is no hot dog stand. Excellent book and easy to read.

"Hill of Fire" tells the true story of a Mexican farmer who encounters the beginnings of a volcano in his corn field. The vocabulary is very easy, and yet the author captures the mood of the sleepy village that was changed forever by El Monstruo. I recommend this book to teachers of grades K-3 and to children who are just moving away from picture books.

This easy-to-read book is lively and realistic, with a thread of humor running through it from start to finish. When I was about ten, my mother told me the story of the Paracutin volcano in Mexico, and

the idea of it stuck in my mind ever after. Now here is a book that recounts her story as literature. It should capture the attention of all children who read it.

This historical fiction story relates to those who lead a hum-drum existence in meeting daily responsibilities. A dirt farmer in a small village in Mexico complains that nothing ever happens in his life. Then, one eventful day, his ox-drawn plow buries itself so deep in the earth that smoke (the smoke of a volcano) begins to escape. Older students from Mexico will especially enjoy that cultural's influence in the story sequence (written like a simplified proverbial folktale) and illustrations. If read aloud and read well, your students's laughter will tell you they understand the story.

As we were studying volcanoes in our homeschool we had already read about the "Hill of Fire" so I was delighted to find a children's book dedicated to this story and easy enough for our kids to read on their own as well as with us. Highly recommended for all family libraries.

Reason for Reading: Ds read aloud to me for his reader. This book never fails to stun kids, the first time they read/hear it. How can a volcano just grow like that? It seems utterly amazing. But this is based on a true story and the volcano really did appear in a farmer's cornfield and bury the village with lava and ash. Written in a simple, easy to understand narrative, from the point of view of the farmer's son Pablo. This is a truly unique story that is sure to please any child, even those who don't usually like non-fiction. The illustrations are ok. We weren't too pleased with the depiction of the erupting volcano as it wasn't realistic enough and my son kept asking what's that?, what's happening there? and it was just that the illustrations didn't show the *how* of it very well. A diagram at this point would have been appreciated. Fortunately, I was able to explain and illustrate with my hands to his satisfaction. Otherwise, a very entertaining book. The Volcano is called Paricutin and it, along with the abandoned village, may be visited today.

The story of El monstró (the monster) is in a book called Hill of Fire. It has four characters, a farmer, Palbo (boy), the wife, and an ox. It's awesome people! In my opinion, it's cool. The story takes place in Mexico. I'm guessing you will think the volcano erupting is cool. I like when the volcano rises. This review was written by my son who is in the 2nd grade. I home-school my children and this book was a part of his curriculum this year. Writing a review on a book that he enjoyed most so far in the school year was his assignment. He loved this book!

Review written by my 8-yr-old daughter: "Have you read Hill of Fire yet? I give Hill of Fire 4 stars because it's interesting and easy to read! It's about a Farmer who plows his field and the plow goes down into a hole. A volcano comes up and erupts. The volcano ruins their town, but the people rebuild it. Lots of visitors come to see the volcano, so the people tuned out happy. Hill of Fire is a good book, worth reading!"

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