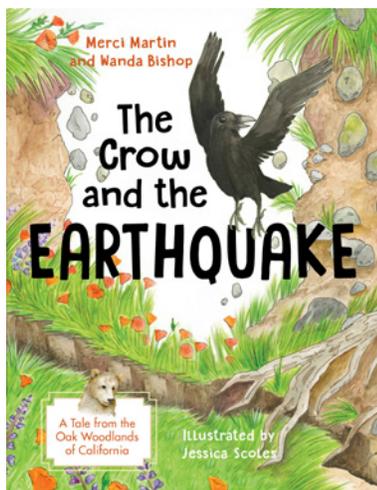


Demystifying Earthquakes With Preposterous Theories



Early childhood educators and nature-lovers, Merci Martin and Wanda Bishop, wanted to introduce children to earthquakes without causing fear. Not finding any fun yet factual books on the subject, they got serious about creating one. The result is *The Crow and the Earthquake* (release date May, 2017). This is the authors' second book in their series: California Tales That Teach.

The authors are already visiting classrooms and stimulating dialogue about the subject of earthquakes while reading this tale about Crow and his “cast of characters.” Interestingly, some of these native California animals—most notably the condor—are as nonexistent in children’s literature as are earthquakes. In the story, it is the long-living condor who explains what she knows about earthquakes, why they happen, and how the land heals over time.

Beautifully illustrated, *The Crow and the Earthquake* will no doubt contribute to classrooms and homes everywhere, especially in areas where earthquakes are common. After reading this book, children will have a positive frame of reference when experiencing the inevitable earthquake.

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“The Crow and the Earthquake addresses a natural phenomena rarely discussed in children’s literature. The setting is Mount Diablo; the cast of characters the wild creatures inhabiting its slopes. A sudden shaking of the ground is greeted with trepidation and curiosity by the animals. Each comes forth with a speculative explanation for what they’ve experienced. The theories are as wild as they are varied. Finally, the authors reveal the true cause of the trembler. This book is as informative as it is entertaining.”

PETER WHITE, author of “The Farallon Islands, Sentinels of The Golden Gate”

“An excellent book for introducing an Earth Science unit on earthquake preparedness.”

PATRICIA L. WEBER, California
Credentialed Teacher

FACTS:

In the past 7 days,
California has had
159 earthquakes!

Within the central and eastern United States, earthquakes have increased dramatically; in 2014 alone, there were 659 M3 and larger earthquakes.