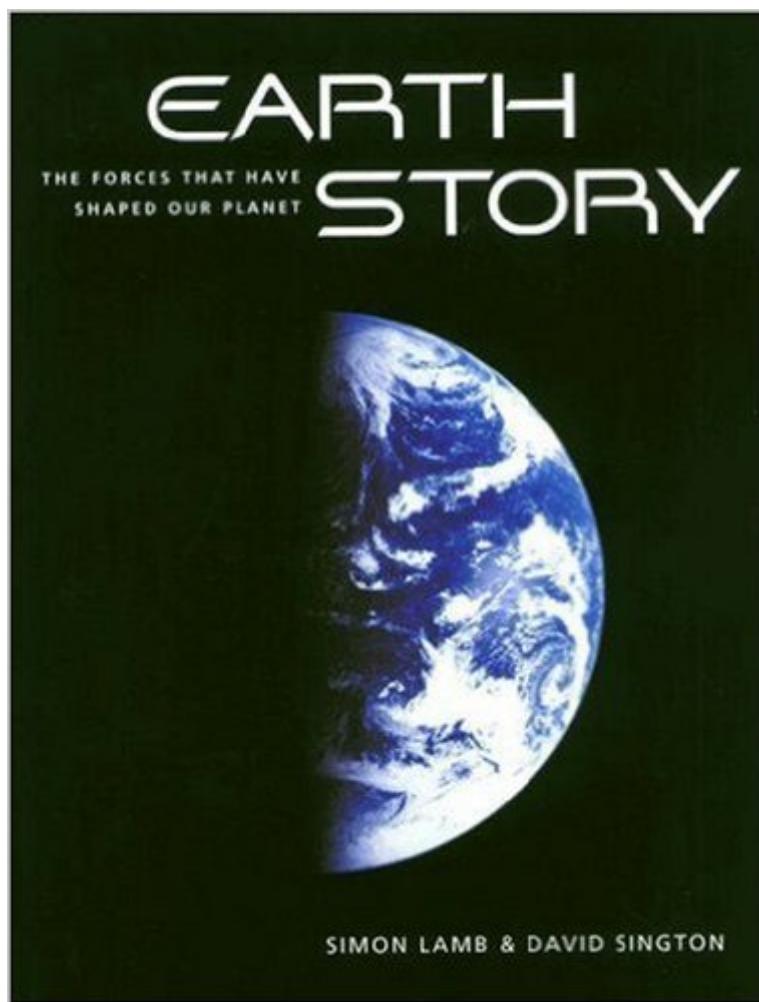


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# Earth Story : The Forces That Have Shaped Our Planet



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By describing the remarkable forces that formed and shaped our ever-changing world, Earth Story gives us a new understanding of the planet and our place within its evolution. When and how was Earth formed? What is the link between earthquakes, volcanoes, and the creation of continents? How do mountains affect our climate? What triggers ice ages? Earth Story answers these and many other questions as it tells the amazing story of our planet and its constantly changing nature. Two centuries ago, scientists began to investigate the history of Earth by examining the rocks beneath its surface and began to formulate the astonishing concept of geological time. Using this discovery as their starting point, Simon Lamb and David Sington unravel the fascinating history of Earth from its earliest beginnings to the dawn of human civilization, using full-color illustrations, stunning photography, and the latest scientific thinking.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a must-have! I'm a geologist myself and although I haven't seen the television series on which the book is based (I haven't), most of my colleagues were watching and raving about it with great admiration. The book was immediately ordered for the library of our institution. But don't take my word for it! On June 2, 1999 David Sington, who is the producer and writer of the series and co-writer of the book, received the Sullivan Award at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. The Sullivan Award is presented annually by the American Geophysical Union (AGU) for reporting that makes earth science accessible and interesting to the general public. It is named for its first winner, the late Walter Sullivan of The New York Times. Sington was the first broadcaster and first

non-American to win the award in its 11 year history. His name is associated with other great works related to geology and other sciences as well. Both authors know what they're talking about and had co-operated with many scientists on this production. A wide range of geological issues is tackled and they're all tackled admirably. And I'm not in any way associated with the authors either. I'm just very happy to see earth science treated this way. END

As a person who never studied much science, I have always been interested in the origins our world and how it came into being. The theories of earth science were explained thoroughly even to a layman like myself. This book has convinced me to delve even deeper into geology and seek the answers to the creation of my local surroundings. I now wish had chosen my university courses differently when I was younger. Bravo!!

This book is great if you are looking to explore the origins of the earth, and what makes the earth work. It explains all the steps that made life on earth possible. Each chapter contains thorough information on different subjects from the ice-age to the actual formation of the solar-system itself. I think this is an awesome book. I understood all of it and I am 15!!! Buy this book!! Its great!!

This is a great volume. It accompanies the BBC TV series of the same name. Unfortunately this wonderful TV series has never been released on DVD. The book is magnificently illustrated and provides the layman with a comprehensive and competent overview of modern geology since the rise of plate tectonics. I'd recommend reading it in tandem with University of Melbourne geologist Ian Plimer's "Short History of Planet Earth". Plimer's volume deals with some of the more controversial issues, supervolcanoes, global warming etc. Still the best companion for Simon Lamb's book is the TV series. Hopefully one day the BBC will get around to releasing it on DVD.

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