



Gopher to the Rescue!

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How can the mountain recover?

The forest animals are surprised when a volcano suddenly explodes, covering the land in gritty, warm ash and rocks that make it unlivable for many plants and animals. Gopher survives in his underground burrow with food to eat. How does Gopher help bring life back to the mountain? Scientists spent years observing life returning to the mountain following the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980. This fictionalized story is based on their surprising observations of how life returns to an area that has been totally changed or destroyed.

(Ages 4-9)



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Teachers and parents will love the educational section, which includes the following activities:

- What and Where are Volcanoes?
- Tectonic Plates (With Map)
- Natural Disasters and Habitat Changes
- Hands On: Pressure and Melting

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About the Author & Illustrator



Terry Catasús Jennings (pronounced cat ah soos) has been heavily involved in the arts for the past 20 years, serving as a Cultural Arts Chair in her children's schools. She is a contributor to the National Science Resource Center's (NSRC) Science and Technology for Children and Science and Technology Concepts for Middle Grades series. Her articles have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Long Island News Day* and *Ranger Rick* and she wrote a family humor column for her local newspaper, *The Reston Connection*, for four years. *Gopher to the Rescue: A Volcano Recovery Story* is her first picture book. Terry is a member of SCBWI. She and her husband live in Northern Virginia. Visit her website at www.terryjennings.wordpress.com.

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