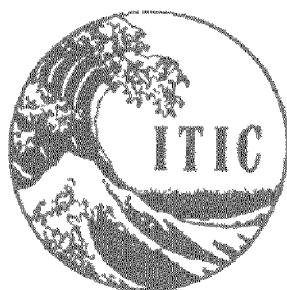
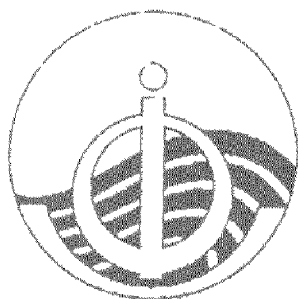
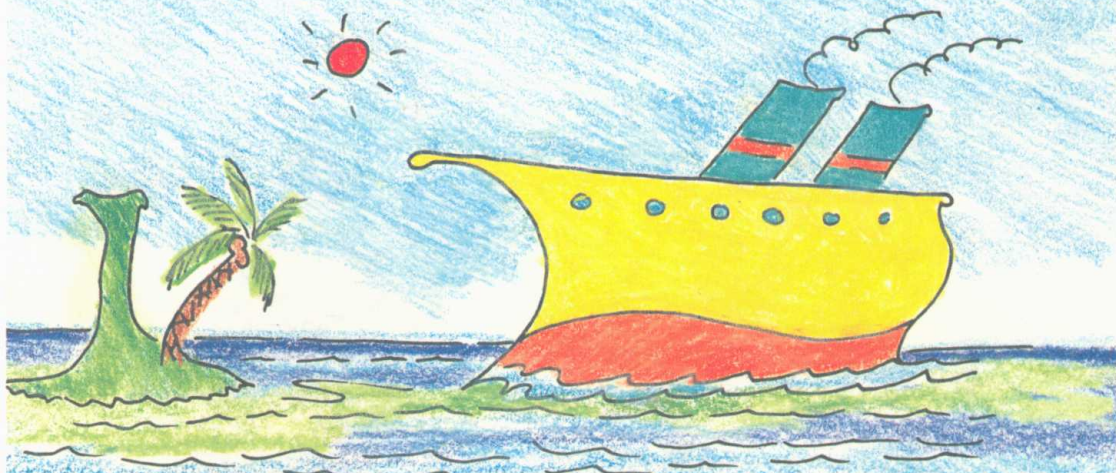


The International Coordinating Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, at its Thirteenth Session in Ensenada, Mexico (September 1991), encouraged the preparation of a book designed to inform young persons about tsunamis and the dangers which they present and what should be done to save lives and property.

This book is the result of that encouragement. Dr. George Pararas-Carayannis, Ms. Patricia Wilson, and Mr. Richard Sillcox are its authors. The illustrations were created by Mr. Joe Hunt.

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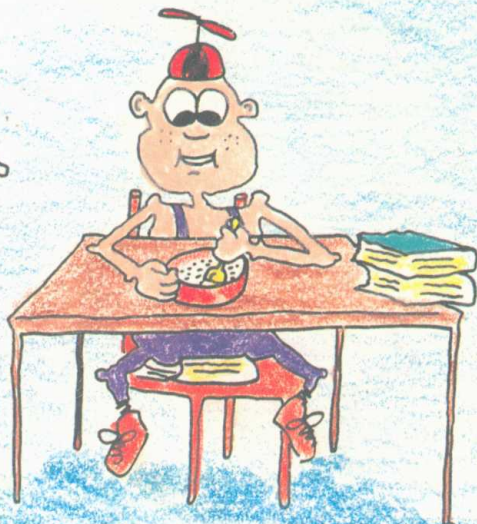




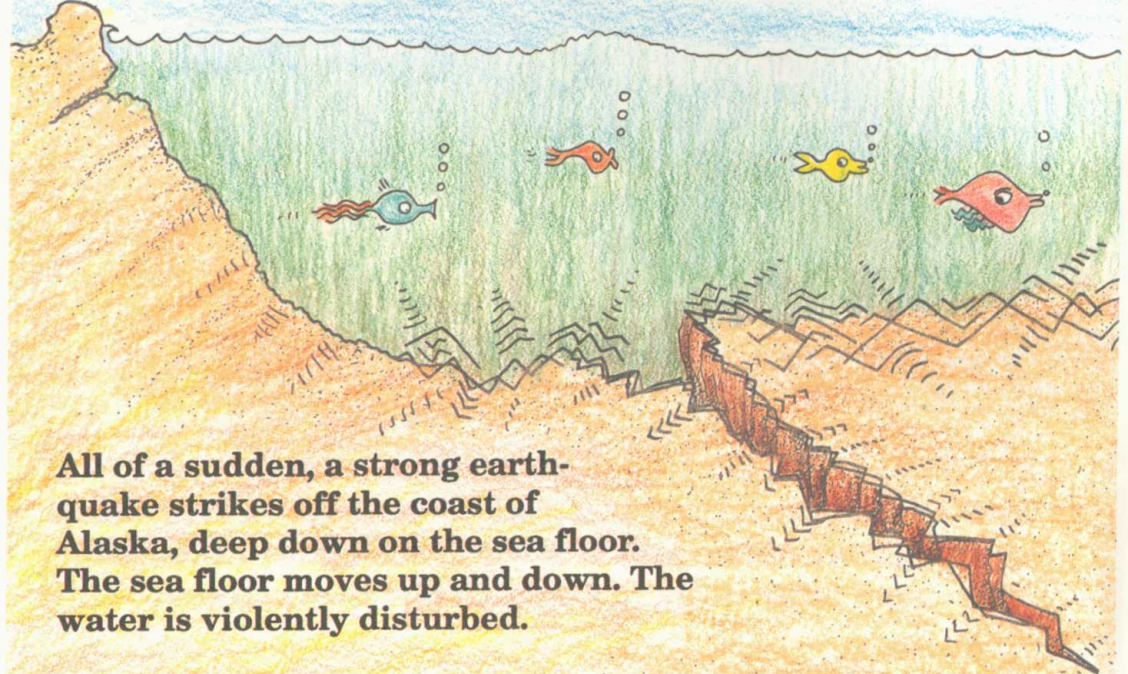
Over the blue, calm water of the Pacific Ocean, a cruise ship is sailing towards Hawaii. It is warm and sunny in Honolulu. A thousand miles away, in Alaska, it is snowy and cold.



It is breakfast time in Honolulu and in Anchorage Alaska. Parents are getting ready to go to work.

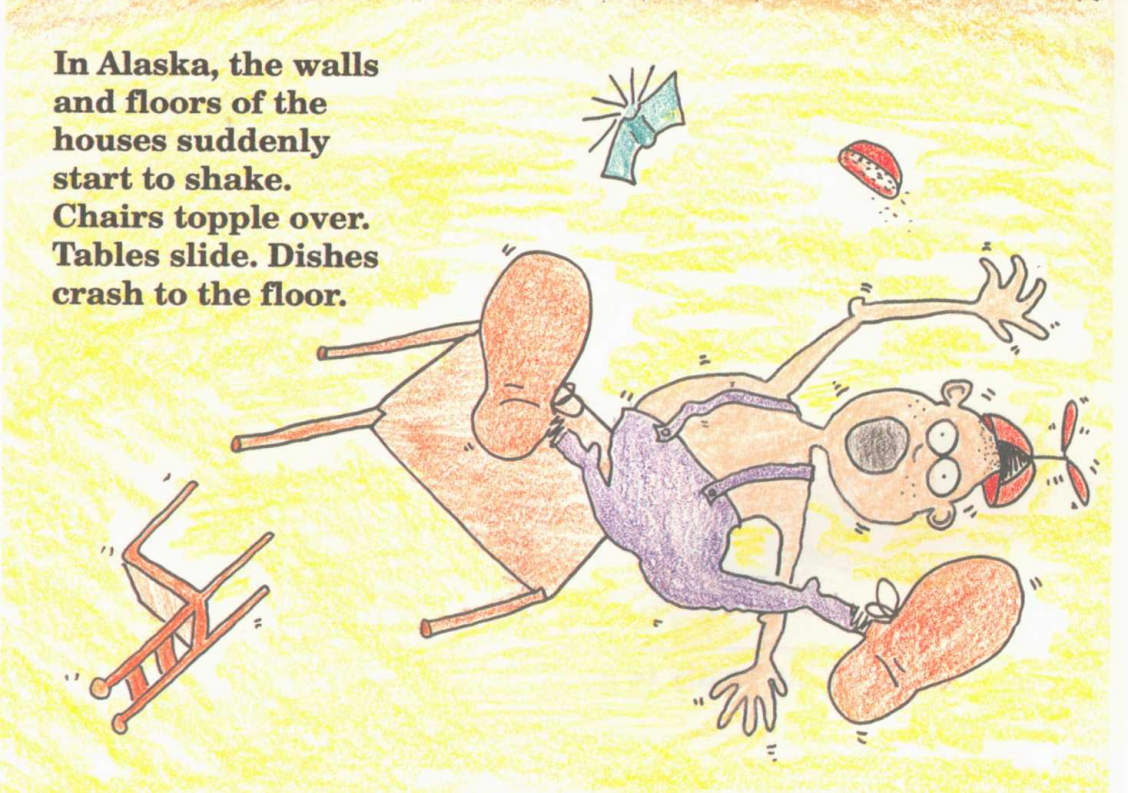


Children are getting ready to go to school.



All of a sudden, a strong earthquake strikes off the coast of Alaska, deep down on the sea floor. The sea floor moves up and down. The water is violently disturbed.

The illustration shows a cross-section of the ocean. On the left, a steep, orange-brown cliff represents the sea floor. A jagged, red line with small 'v' marks indicates a fault line where the sea floor is breaking apart. Above the sea floor, the water is a mottled green and blue. Several colorful fish (blue, orange, yellow, and red) are swimming, with small circles representing bubbles or disturbances in the water.



In Alaska, the walls and floors of the houses suddenly start to shake. Chairs topple over. Tables slide. Dishes crash to the floor.

The illustration shows a man in a purple shirt and red pants falling backwards. He has a shocked expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. His arms and legs are outstretched. Around him, various household items are flying through the air: a blue rectangular object, a red bowl, and a red chair. The background is a bright yellow, suggesting a room with a yellow wall or floor.