

Praise for *Plate Tectonics and Great Earthquakes*

“A leader in the plate-tectonic revolution, Lynn R. Sykes also spearheaded studies of earthquake hazards and prediction for five decades. His unvarnished reflections and insights will captivate anyone intrigued by the irregular rhythms and spasms of the earth or curious about the scientists who strive to decipher them.”

Rob Wesson, former chief, USGS Office of Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Engineering, and author of *Darwin's First Theory: Exploring Darwin's Quest for a Theory of Earth*

“*Plate Tectonics and Great Earthquakes* is an enjoyable read about Sykes’s firsthand experiences and historic contributions to seismology and to the world-shaking development of plate tectonics.”

Rick Aster, Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University

“A personal tour through one of the great scientific revolutions of the past several centuries, from a major contributor to that revolution.”

Daniel Davis, Stony Brook University

“Sykes, one of the scientific revolutionaries who gave us plate tectonics, tells his story, with special emphasis on earthquake prediction. Although earthquake prediction has been a topic perceived by some as pursued only by ‘fools and charlatans,’ Sykes defends it not only as worthy of pursuit but also, however imperfect, as likely to be societally valuable.”

Peter Molnar, University of Colorado, Boulder

“Sykes is world-renowned for his contributions to seismology. In this retrospective, he reflects on his fruitful scientific journey, from reading lots of seismograms and making fundamental contributions to the theory of plate tectonics and the understanding of great earthquakes to the public-policy implications of his earthquake research.”

Martin Reyners, GNS Science, New Zealand

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