

The Hebgen Lake Earthquake of August 17, 1959: *An Eyewitness Account*

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This is an eye-witness account of the Hebgen Lake Earthquake (largest recorded in the lower 48 Rocky Mountains) and Madison Canyon Landslide, west of Yellowstone National Park, August 17, 1959. It is the terrifying adventures of a handsome young geologist, of a mountain that fell, of lives that were lost, of ground that heaved, while joy entered into his immature heart. No refreshments will be served. Bring your own.