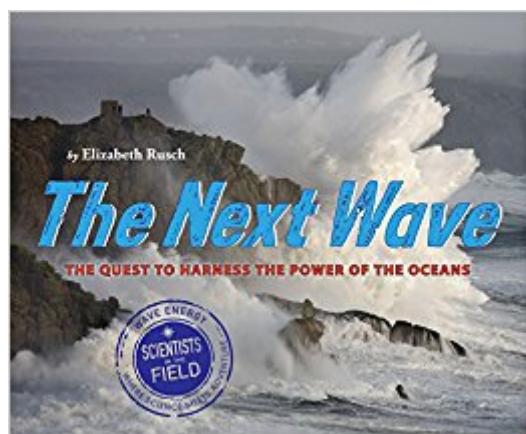


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# The Next Wave: The Quest To Harness The Power Of The Oceans (Scientists In The Field Series)



## Synopsis

Journey to the wave-battered coast of the Pacific Northwest to meet some of the engineers and scientists working to harness the punishing force of our oceans, one of the nature's most powerful and renewable energy sources. With an array of amazing devices that cling to the bottom of the sea floor and surf on the crests of waves, these explorers are using a combination of science, imagination, and innovation to try to capture wave energy in the hopes of someday powering our lives in a cleaner, more sustainable way.

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Gr 5-8 • Rainforests and savannahs, coral reefs and tundra • readers are most likely familiar with these fields in which scientists work. But this time, it is the energy of the physical movement of the global ocean that is the field, and here in this world of watery physics, a series of imaginative, innovative engineers have been designing, building, and experimenting to successfully harness this inexorable surge of energy. Rusch's readable text follows three very varied groups of visionary engineers on this quest: Mike Morrow and Mike Delos-Reyes (who are working on a device that will allow people to sit upon the ocean floor), Annette von Jouanne and her

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A very interesting book. Easy to understand for the scientifically/ engineering challenged. It is good to show students how important their school projects and ideas can become. I donated the book to a local school where it was warmly received.

My son read this book at school and can't stop talking about it. Now he is very interested in green energy and creating similar devices as those discussed in the book. He asked me to purchase a copy to have at home and now I'm looking forward to reading it myself. We are also purchasing some other books from the series.

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