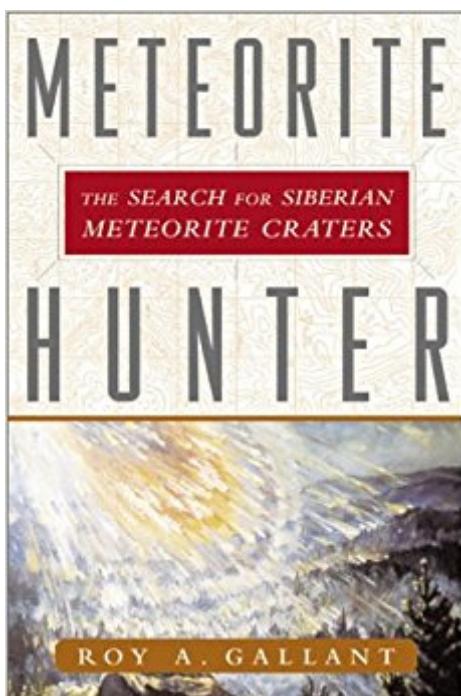


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# Meteorite Hunter: The Search For Siberian Meteorite Craters



## **Synopsis**

The "Indiana Jones of Astronomy" takes readers on a fascinating hunt for scientific treasures. On the morning of June 30, 1908, a comet nucleus or stony asteroid weighing 100,000 metric tons exploded four miles above the remote Siberian region of Tunguska with a force hundreds of times greater than the blast that destroyed Hiroshima. Eighty-four years later, American astronomer Roy Gallant was invited by the Russian Academy of Sciences to participate in its annual Tunguska Expedition. Gallant was the first American to take part in the Russian investigation of the largest meteorite impact in recorded history. So inspired was he by his experiences at Tunguska that he went on to devote the next eight years of his life to investigating and writing about meteorite impact sites around the globe. In *Meteorite Hunter*, Roy Gallant takes readers on a fascinating journey to the major meteorite sites of the wild and desolate Russian interior.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The "Indiana Jones of Astronomy" takes us on a crater-hopping tour of Siberia's major meteor impact sites. On the morning of June 30, 1908, a fireball cascaded down the Siberian sky and exploded with 2000 times the force of the atomic blast that devastated Hiroshima. The cosmic missile shattered in a rapid series of bursts, felling trees and incinerating an area seven times the size of New York City. Shaking an enormous region of Siberia to its bedrock, the explosion rattled vodka bottles 500 miles away and sent pressure waves twice around the planet. Today, the "Tunguska event," as it has since been dubbed, continues to rattle the world with its unsolved

mysteries. No one knows what exactly exploded that morning over the tundra. Was it a stony asteroid or a comet's nucleus? Or something altogether different? In the spring of 1992, as the first American invited by the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor Emeritus Roy Gallant set out to confront that mystery— and to begin his mission as meteorite hunter across the depth and breadth of Siberia. Taking readers on a thrilling adventure to the major meteorite impact sites of the wild and desolate Russian interior, Roy Gallant, a.k.a. the "Indiana Jones of Astronomy," braves the inhospitable tundra and dense taiga forests, hiking through swarms of blood-sucking insects and the treacherous territories of tigers, wolves, vipers, and the great Siberian bear (with footprints the size of dinner platters) to investigate the craters and strewn fields left behind by those enigmatic cosmic intruders. From our starting point at Tunguska, Gallant leads us across a forbidding land, introducing us to its good people and lovely flora and fauna. Crater-hopping our way across Siberia, we visit the Sikhote-Alin field, site of the "meteorite shower of the century

Professor Emeritus Roy A. Gallant has been digging around in Siberian meteorite impact sites for the past decade. Director of the Southworth Planetarium at the University of Southern Maine, Gallant has taught astronomy at his home university, the Maine College of Art, for twenty years. He was formerly a member of the faculty of New York's Hayden Planetarium. His many books on science and astronomy have earned him the John Burroughs Award for nature writing and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation award for science writing, and a lifetime achievement award from the Maine Library Association. A Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London and a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, Gallant makes his home in Rangeley, Maine.

I know the author and had the good fortune to sit next to him on a flight from Boston to Seattle as he was on one of his adventures. Great man, and a true scientist.

help me a lot. low price. This product has great balance and weighting to it. I was impressed with the packaging and the product itself is impressive, especially given the price. I would absolutely recommend purchasing this product to others. delivery on time receive it next day . in my family it is necessary,

I am surprised to see that no one has reviewed this book until now; it's been out for about two years and the title is certainly intriguing. Anyway, this book contains a nearly homogeneous mixture of essentially two seemingly unrelated subjects: (i) traveling within Russia and (ii) information on

meteorites. The first is presented as a travelogue; it includes all sorts of little details on travel problems encountered in Russia (political and otherwise), food eaten, people encountered, etc. Interspersed with this, in each chapter, is fascinating information on meteorites, i.e., their origins, types, composition, behavior upon entering the earth's atmosphere and upon impacting the ground, etc. Each chapter addresses a specific meteorite site that was visited by the author, with the exception of the last chapter which is about comets and asteroids that are out in space and that may or may not pose a threat to life (or some of it) on earth. The book is well written and should be of interest to those planning to travel within Russia, as well as those interested in meteorites; and, of course, those interested in both. I gave the book four stars instead of five because, to me, the two subject areas, which may be worth five stars each, detract from each other. For me, the parts about meteorites per se, were great (five stars); but I found the travel information rather cumbersome - hence an overall four stars.

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