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🕒 **Logline:** When Yellowstone's supervolcano threatens life on Earth, a scientist seeking personal and professional redemption must follow clues from the past to save humanity from a catastrophic eruption.

🕒 **Comps:** *Tremors* meets *2012*

The world's largest volcano—asleep for all of human history

Dr. Valentine “Val” Cutler is a former volcanologist cast out of the scientific community after failing to convince officials that a looming eruption at Yellowstone will choke the planet, killing billions.

Now retreated to a quiet life in academia, she mourns the loss of her father, who risked his own professional reputation warning about Yellowstone's threat. He never returned from a secretive expedition 10 years ago and is presumed dead, stoking Val's suspicions about the government's refusal to heed their warning.

Val's grief has left her feeling abandoned, distant, and cold-hearted. Her unremarkable life is interrupted when a former mentor—and once-trusted colleague she blames for exiling her father—offers her a spot on a presidential task force as the only expert who can decipher the unorthodox warning signs coming from Yellowstone that match her theory.

Casualties mount as the volcano awakens. Val expects to advise the army, hoping for redemption for herself and her father. Instead, she's pulled into a conspiracy to keep the public in the dark.

Standing up to a reckless general preventing Val from exposing the truth, she's pulled off of the mission with nowhere to turn.

Val undermines authorities to bring the truth to light

Val teams up with a tough-as-nails army pilot who jeopardizes her career and future after a split-second decision to steal a helicopter and help Val uncover the truth. It's a first step for Val to yield her fierce independence by accepting help from others.

On the run from the army, Val and her new accomplice rescue a stranded group fighting for their lives amid the growing disaster.

They're led by a larger-than-life outdoor guide who dreams of one day leading famous adventure tours but for now scrapes by with guiding at-risk youth on team-building lessons. In his care are four combative and strong-willed teens on a court-ordered trip, and a father and his young son whom they've narrowly saved from burning alive after being trapped by lava.

Val explains to her new ragtag team that if her theory is correct, Yellowstone will soon erupt a massive, fiery surge of explosive rock, ash, and toxic gas traveling twice the speed of sound that blankets the planet—blocking out the sun, plummeting temperatures, and leading to eternal night.

The unlikely squad unearths buried clues to form a plan

Val pieces together mysterious clues hidden within Yellowstone that could lead to disarming the eruption—clues that lead to the Grand Canyon, where she must spring an unfinished trap laid over decades by her father and hidden in plain sight.

While acting on her instincts and expertise to lead her team against all odds to stop a planet-killing eruption, Val learns the truth of her father's disappearance and sets in motion a chain reaction to rescue humanity from oblivion.

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Val's quiet life is interrupted when precursors of an eruption match the theory that led to her dismissal.



Adventure guide Junior dreams of leading famous tours but scrapes by with court-ordered, team-bonding trips.



Val challenges the army and is thrown off of the mission but recruits pilot Stoz who helps her pursue the truth.



Junior bonds with the teens, who gain confidence after rescuing a trapped father and son from certain death.



On the run, the group stumbles on recluse Daisy's cabin housing secrets from the past that help Val hatch a plan.



Daisy sacrifices herself to blow up Old Faithful, which starts a chain reaction to bury the eruption underground.



Val ignites a 600-mile underground chain reaction laid by her father to force the lava flow to the Grand Canyon.



Val and Junior set the final charge and race to daylight with the deadly lava flow at their heels, rescued by Stoz.



Val learns the truth of her father's disappearance, and the once-unlikely team reunites to honor Daisy's legacy.