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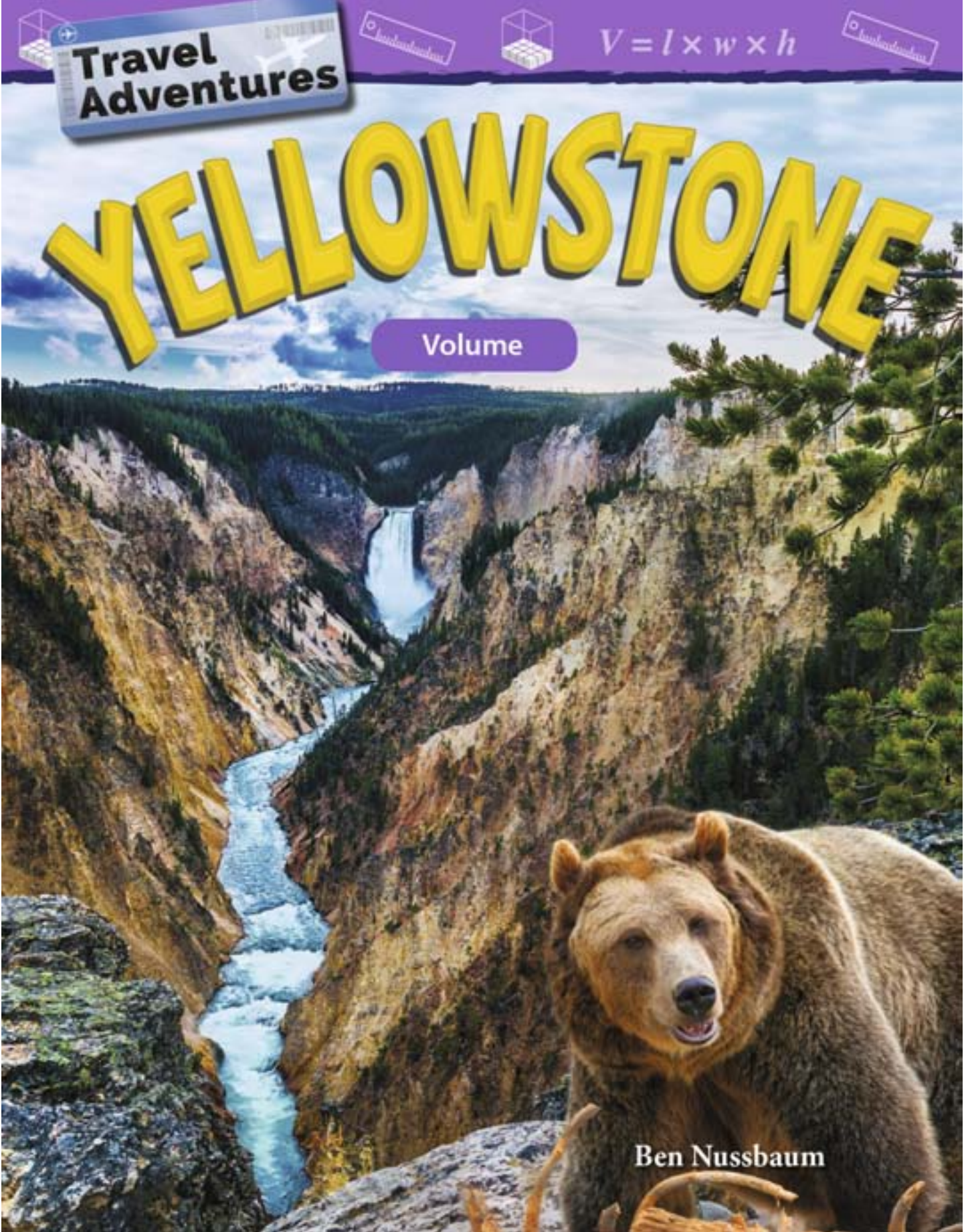


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An Enchanted Land


There's a place in America that is still wild. Bears, wolves, and cougars live free. Bison graze in mountain meadows. Moose and elk do, too. Eagles and falcons soar in the sky. It's a land of waterfalls and snow-covered peaks. Yellowstone National Park is filled with many beautiful sights. But, Yellowstone is also a bizarre and dangerous place. Underground heat melts roads. The ground shakes with earthquakes. Geysers shoot into the air. Yellowstone is full of **contradictions**. It's wild, but it is also carefully under control. It's peaceful, but that peace can be shattered at any minute.

American Indians lived there first. It wasn't long until white settlers found the land. One of the first non-Indians to see Yellowstone was a **prospector** named John C. Davis. In 1864, he wrote that his group was stunned by "the wonders of this **enchanted** land." He added, "We hardly knew what to think."

Today, millions of people visit Yellowstone each year. People come from all over the world to see the wonders that Davis wrote about.

A herd of bison is grazing in a lush green field next to a river. The bison are scattered across the foreground and middle ground, some standing and some lying down. The river is visible in the background, reflecting the sky. The scene is peaceful and natural.

Bison graze by a river.



A geyser shoots water and steam into the air at Yellowstone National Park.

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Visitors to Yellowstone often use horses, mules, or llamas to carry their gear. These animals can carry pack boxes on their backs.

Suppose a pack box in the shape of a rectangular prism has a length of 30 inches, width of 15 inches, and height of 20 inches. Which of the following best describes the volume of the pack box? Describe your reasoning.

- A. 9,000
- B. 9,000 inches
- C. 9,000 square inches
- D. 9,000 cubic inches



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