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# New Book Reframes Earth's Entire History as One Unified Story

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*Victor A. Zieler's 23.5° Diary of a Catastrophic Flood synthesises planetary science, geology and deep-time climate history into a single compelling narrative — arriving as public appetite for Earth science reaches new heights*

Castell Publishing announces the release of *23.5° Diary of a Catastrophic Flood* by Victor A. Zieler — a sweeping, narrative-driven work of popular science that traces Earth's transformation from a hostile, water-covered sphere into the living world we inhabit today. Published April 15, 2026, and available as a hardbound edition with dust jacket (RRP \$37.95), the book is available exclusively through [castellpublishing.com](http://castellpublishing.com).

## About the Book

What if the story of Earth is far more dramatic than we ever imagined? Blending geology, planetary science, and climate history, *23.5°* moves beyond textbook explanations to explore why this planet became habitable when so many others did not. From the formation of Earth's first oceans to the atmospheric transformations that made life possible, Zieler reveals a world forged by cosmic collisions, planetary upheaval, and vast global flooding events — each phase intelligible only in relation to those that preceded and followed it.

The book addresses a recurring gap in the way Earth's history is commonly presented: individual geological periods and catastrophic events are extensively documented in specialist literature, yet rarely examined as an interconnected sequence. Zieler's work synthesises a wide body of existing research into an integrated framework, offering students and general readers a tool for understanding Earth's past as a single, metamorphosing system — not a collection of fragments, but a unified and consequential story.

## Why Now

Public interest in Earth science, deep time, and the conditions that sustain life is at an all-time high — driven by growing awareness of climate systems, planetary boundaries, and humanity's place in geological history. *23.5°* arrives as a timely and accessible resource for readers who want to understand not just what happened on Earth, but why — and what that means for the world we live in today.

## About the Author

Victor A. Zieler is an independent researcher whose work spans planetary science, Earth history, and systems thinking. With a background bridging nautical science, architectural design, and logistics, he brings an engineer's logic to planetary formation and an ocean

navigator's intuition to questions of water, atmosphere, and global circulation. A long-time public speaker and educator, Zieler has spent decades researching astronomy, geology, climate systems, and the history of scientific ideas. His driving question — how Earth became habitable, and what role catastrophic processes played — has shaped a lifelong body of work that situates familiar events within a broader planetary context.

## **Book Details**

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