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The background of the cover is a photograph of a hydrothermal vent. It shows a dark, deep-sea environment with a prominent, light-colored, mineral-rich chimney structure on the left side. The chimney has a rough, porous texture and is surrounded by other smaller mineral deposits on the seafloor. The lighting is focused on the chimney, creating a strong contrast with the dark water.