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Great book. I ordered the book solely for the cover photograph, but was pleased by the rest of the book as well.

This book was written almost 30 years ago, and yet it's still incredibly informative and one of the better cave books around!

Time Life's 'Planet Earth' series is always an enjoyable read. Engaging, with stunning color photographs, 'Underground Worlds' is a great catch-all caving book, and a good introduction to the underground. The book talks about caving all over the world (a refreshing change, as most caving literature in this country refers only to caves in the Western Hemisphere.) A large portion of the book is devoted to caving in Europe (where the systematic study of caves began) and more than one story ends in tragedy. The only real downside to the book is that it was published several years ago and the most recent discoveries (of which there are many) are not included. Aside from that, it is a fine book, suitable for all ages.

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