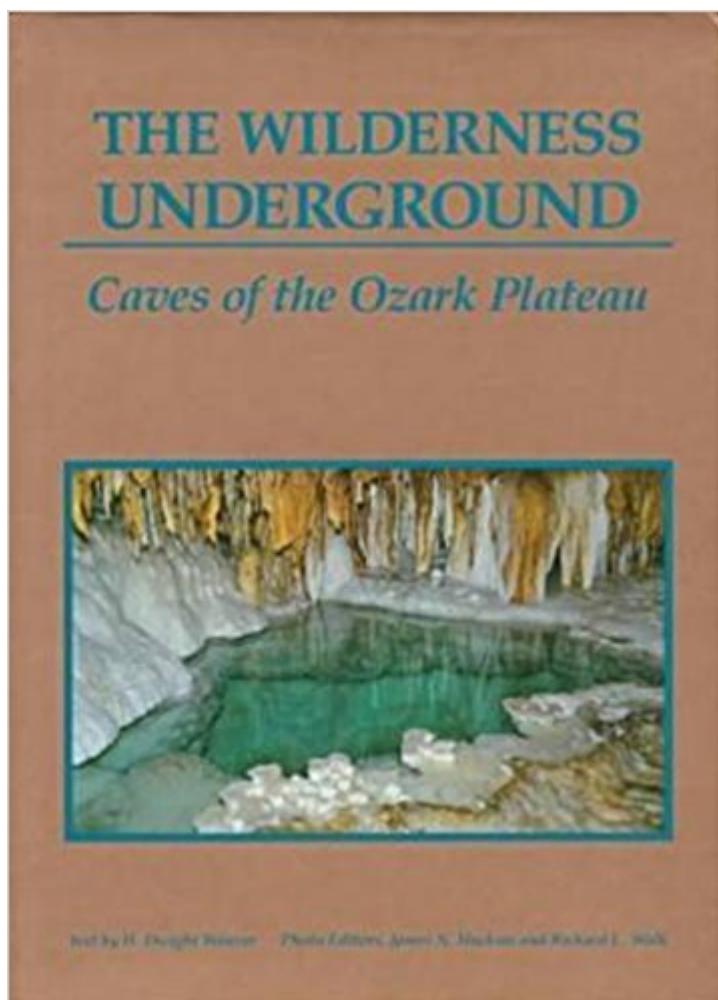


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# The Wilderness Underground: Caves Of The Ozark Plateau (Twentieth-Century Experience)



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With more than 100 full-color photographs, *The Wilderness Underground* lifts the veil of darkness from the spectacular beauty of the Ozark caves. Master photographers capture primitive caverscapes of water-sculpted rock forms, pits, canyons, streams, and living creatures both sighted and blind. H. Dwight Weaver's engaging text explores the diverse topography of the Ozark Plateau. Weaver traces the mystique of caves from the days of Native American Indians to the 1950s when modern cave explorers began the great cave quest that has led to the discovery of more than 6,000 caves in the region and introduces the reader to past and present denizens of the Ozark caves.

## **Book Information**

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The Ozark Plateau, with over 6500 known caves, is the largest elevated land mass in the United States between the Appalachians and the Rocky Mountains. Weaver, a public information specialist for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, writes about the commitment to conserving the vibrant wilderness beneath the Ozark Plateau. Various acts of law (e.g., the federal Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Missouri Cave Resources Act of 1980) give special protection to the plateau. This work does not qualify as a cave directory, although Weaver briefly surveys some caves near mountains, rivers, springs, and nearby towns. The superb, full-color photos (over 100), eminently readable text, and attractive format on high-quality paper make this a stunning production.

Recommended.- Eugene J. Millich, formerly with Univ. of Wisconsin-LaCrosse Lib.Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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The best book I've found for photos of caves - I'm painting a mural and this book is an excellent reference,great colors too.

I live and cave in the Ozarks and when I saw this book I just had to have a copy. It's not well known even in its hometown. It does an excellent job of portraying the wonderful beauty of the Ozarks' underground. I have seen many of these places and unlike my descriptions this book does do them justice. If you have ever visited an Ozark cave or may I would highly recommend this exquisite book.

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