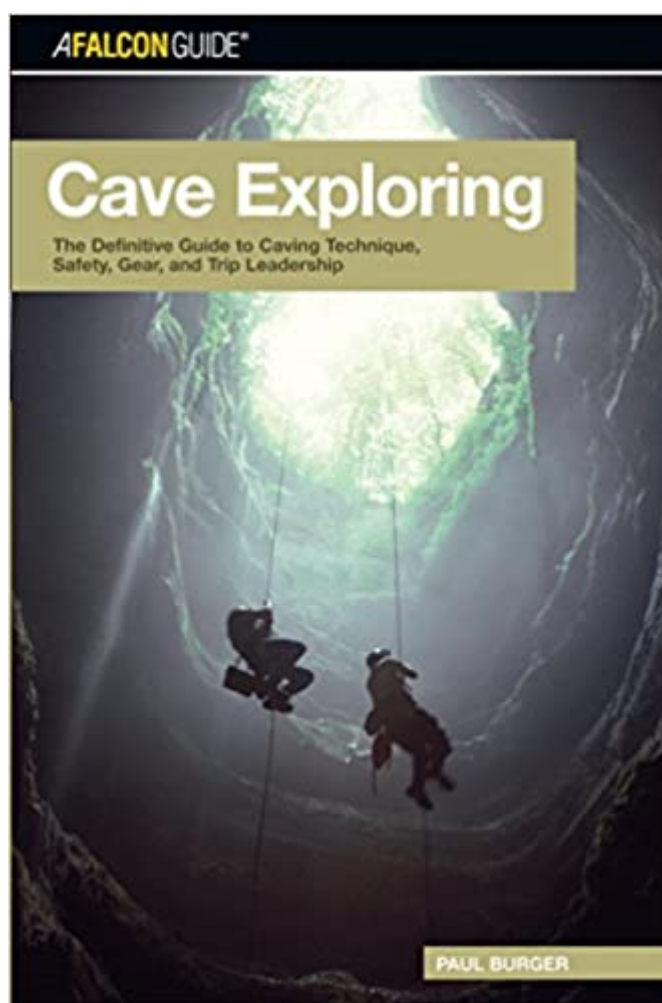


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Synopsis

This instructional guide to cave exploring will help readers select the right gear for a caving expedition and understand the proper techniques for exploring safely and with minimal impact. Cave Exploring also discusses the very important topic of trip leadership, something most other caving books give only passing treatment to if any at all.

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Customer Reviews

If you haven't seen gypsum flowers, cave crickets, or stalactites made of ice, you don't know what you're missing. Cave Exploring shines a light on the unique underground world of rock formations, flowing rivers, and crawling critters. In this definitive guide, veteran caver Paul Burger clearly and carefully describes the techniques needed to safely climb, crawl, tread softly, and swim in the quest for underground discovery.

• Learn how to:

- Get into horizontal caving, vertical caving, wet caving, and cave camping
- Select the right gear for a caving expedition
- Sidestep common hazards and navigate safely underground
- Investigate caves with minimal impact on the environment
- Connect with established cavers in your community
- Organize and lead a caving trip - or simply be a good team member

Paul Burger has explored and mapped extensions of caves in Colorado, South Dakota, and New Mexico, most notably at Lechuguilla Cave in Carlsbad Caverns National Park. He serves as that

park's official geologist-hydrologist and is also the co-author of Deep Secrets, a book on the discovery and early exploration of Lechuguilla Cave.

This is a good introductory book for new cavers as well as a handy reference for experienced cavers. However, the section on lighting is a little out of date (but still usable). In the clothing, the author frequently makes reference to the brand name, Capilene, instead of more generic terms for polyester garments. Overall though, this is the most readable of any introductory caving book that I've read.

A gift to my grandson. He liked it and I think is using it as he explores caves. I'll ask him.

Much info for first timers! Great book!! A great guide for safety, gear needed, caving techniques, and weather you are up to the task of caving!

This is a great book for anyone who is somewhat serious about caving. Lots of good info on gear and safety, cave maps, and everything else. I really liked the cave map illustrations.

Paul's a good friend and a great caver; I can't think of very many people who would be better qualified to write this book. He's done an admirable job of presenting both a good introduction to caving as well as providing some more advanced material for folks who have been caving for some time. I could nitpick some of the presentation - but overall the book is very well crafted. (I especially enjoyed the dedication - thanks, Paul!)

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