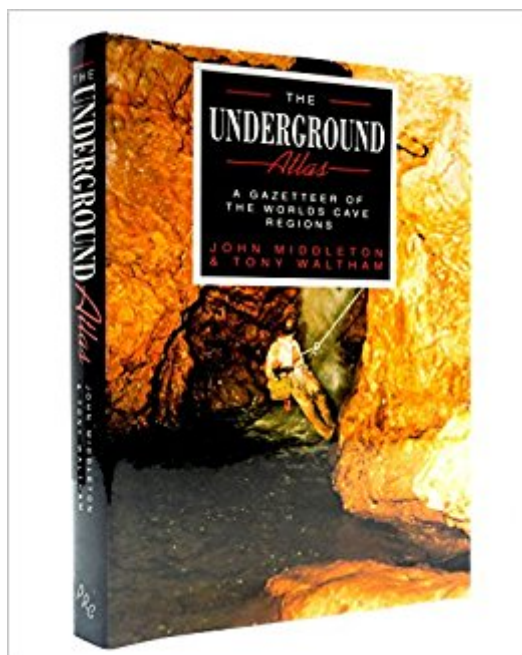


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As an armchair explorer/enthusiast, finding this book at the local used bookstore was like stumbling upon a goldmine! Background info first: The book's full title is "The Underground Atlas: A Gazetteer of the World's Cave Regions", by John Middleton & Tony Waltham. It's 239 pages long, including glossary, and has 24 pages of B&W photos. The book has numerous (approximately 104) maps of

global, regional, national and local caves & karst regions, as well as detailed info and history on important caves and expeditions' maps of their explorations. Review: The only down side to this book is its age - it was published in 1986 and again in 1992, so there's a lot of new information that's not included in this book, specifically Mexico's fascinating 'Cueva de Villa Luz', translated to be: "Cave of the Lighted House." ([...]) Also not included is info on Mexico's crystal cave ([...]) With that in mind, it's still a VERY good book, particularly if you're planning a caving/archaeological or anthropological expedition and think you'll be needing info on the caves in the area. If you "just" an 'armchair explorer', like me, it's still a wonderful buy and will help fill in any blank areas left on your exploration map. Five stars awarded for a book that gives desperately needed (and would LOVE to see revised and updated) info on a very interesting scientific field.

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