

*Adventures Underground: Tales of cave exploration in the Yorkshire Dales* by Dave Haigh and John Cordingley. 2017. Wild Places. Abergavenny. 240pp HB ISBN 978-0-9526701-4-8 Price £39.95. SB ISBN 978-9526701-9-3 Price £24.95.

This book arrived just as this issue was going to press. Inspired by the 1952 caving classic *Underground Adventures* by Arthur Gemmell and Jack Myers, Dave Haigh and John Cordingley have resumed the tale of cave exploration in the Yorkshire Dales and take their readers on a journey of exploration, capturing the thrill of discovery, the highs and lows of success and failure underground, whilst blending their narrative with the dark humour known so well to cavers. Their stories include the hunt for the Penyghent Master Cave, diving in Kingsdale, the Gaping Gill to Ingleborough Cave connection, the final link forged in the Three Counties System and the hard-won underwater passage discovered beneath Malham Cove.

*Adventures Underground* is richly illustrated in colour throughout, with 290 photographs, surveys and diagrams. It is a book for everyone, cavers and non-cavers alike, with an interest in the Dales, in the challenge of overcoming obstacles and in the inherent attraction of raw exploration. Wildplaces Publishing have maintained their usual high standard of production throughout. The photographs are superb and the layout is attractive throughout. I particularly liked the diagrammatic depiction of several surveys in the format of the London Underground Maps. This was a fun, visually appealing touch that made several complex systems instantly accessible.

Appendices on How to Start Caving and Going Caving provide information for anyone inspired by these stories who want to follow in the footsteps of the explorers. Haigh and Cordingley's book will, I hope, be as much of an inspiration for a new generation of cavers as Gemmel and Myers were for them.

All royalties from the sale of this book will be donated equally between the authors' chosen charities: cave rescue and Macmillan Cancer Support.

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