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Wookey HOLE

75 Years of
Cave Diving &
Exploration

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Since the Middle Ages, visitors from all over Britain and beyond have been drawn to the magnificent cave system at Wookey Hole in Somerset where the River Axe flows through a series of grand chambers before emerging at the head of a rocky ravine.

For the last 75 years, ever increasing numbers of tourists have been joined by an adventurous band of cave divers whose aim has been to explore the subterranean Axe and follow the river ever deeper into the Mendip Hills towards the feeder swallets on the plateau above.

This book chronicles the saga of exploration from the hard hat, lead-booted pioneers of the 1930s through the post-War "frogman" era to the high-tech, deep divers of the present generation.

A story of triumph and occasional tragedy, it is told by the divers themselves and those who knew them well.

This lavishly illustrated, 368 page book is essential reading for cavers, divers and anybody who enjoys a compelling, true-life adventure. The book is a sister publication to 'Swildon's Hole, 100 Years of Exploration' by Dave Irwin, Alison Moody and Andy Farrant, published in 2007 by Wessex Cave Club and edited by Jim Hanwell and Richard Witcombe.



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