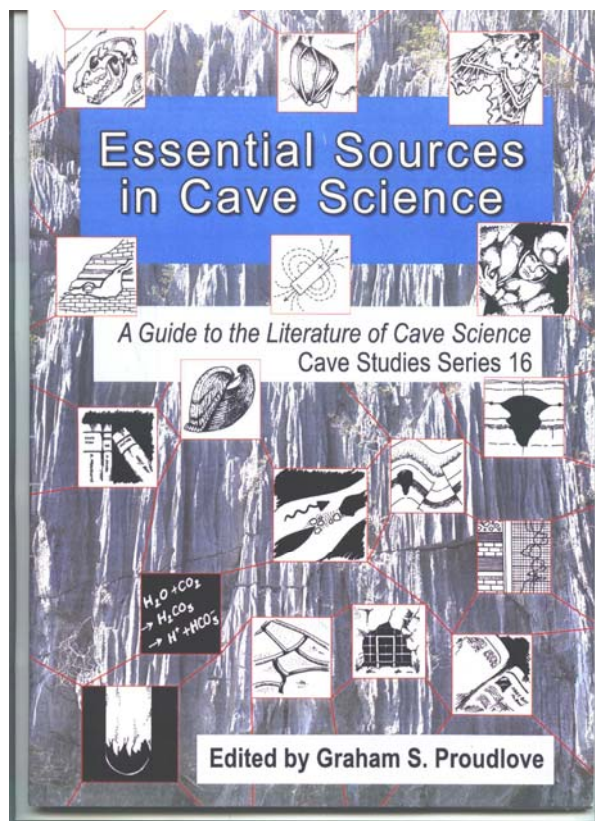


BOOK REVIEWS

Proudlove, Graham S. (ed.) 2006. ***Essential Sources in Cave Science: A guide to the literature of cave science***. BCRA Cave Studies Series 16. Reviewed by Elery Hamilton-Smith



This slim volume is a great source of reference for caves managers in that it deals with virtually all disciplines involved in karst research. Some chapters are focused very much on the British scene, but most give an excellent world overview of the key literature. Ironically, the chapter on conservation and management totally neglects the contribution of ACKMA – almost certainly the most prolific single publisher on cave and karst management! If it warrants any substantive criticism, it is the omission of some of the more recently but excellent published works in some sections – perhaps a delay in publication, but more likely the understandable delay of some authors in keeping up to date.

One issue that is highlighted is the number of titles repeatedly listed in most chapters. Obviously, both authors and publishers are targeting the generalist speleological market and doing so with considerable success.

However, its relevance to managers is clear – it provides a ready way of tapping into authoritative literature in virtually all aspects of karst and cave sciences. If you are interested, as ACKMA members should be, in seeing that management agencies build effective in-house libraries, here is an excellent starting point for developing a comprehensive shopping list.

Earth Heritage Magazine, which can be downloaded from the internet <<http://www.seaburysalmon.com/earth.html>>. Reviewed by Rolan Eberhard.

Tasmania recently hosted a visit from Cynthia Burek, Professor of Geoconservation at the University of Chester in England, and Brisbane-based communication consultant Elaine Tilson. Both are involved in community-based initiatives that are one of the great strengths of the UK approach to geoconservation. Cynthia is an editor of *Earth Heritage*, a twice-yearly magazine produced by the Joint Conservation Council, English Nature, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Countryside Council for Wales.

The style and content of *Earth Heritage* reflects the strong community dimension to geoconservation in the UK. The articles tend to be newsy rather detailed and are often accompanied by great photos. Readers down under will encounter a swag of unfamiliar acronyms, such as SSSIs (Sites of Special Scientific Interest), RIGS (Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological Sites) and LGAPS (Local Geodiversity Action Plans). Don't be put off. Issue 25 contained items about fossils (with a photo from Naracoorte), rock climbers, stone-tile roofing, geoparks, geotourism, gravestones, prehistoric rock art and other things with a geo connection. Caves and karst are a recurring theme. Nor is the content restricted to British and European happenings. Tasmania got press in Issue 8, which contained an article by Grant Dixon and others on our geonconservation practices, followed

shortly afterwards by a contribution from Bernie Joyce of the Geological Society of Australia.

