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WONDERSTRUCK: treasuring Tasmania's caves and karst, Nic Haygarth, 2015, Forty South Publishing, Hobart, Tasmania.

Andy Spate - Belated book review



I was one of a number of Australian cave people to purchase Nic's book prepublication and was acknowledged as such. My duly signed book arrived, and I skimmed back and forth through it.

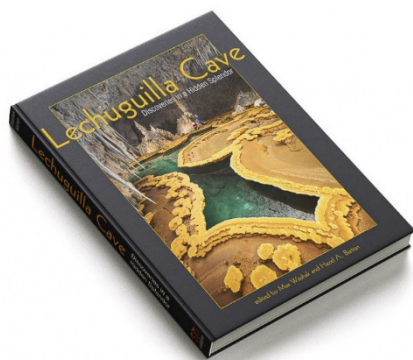
2015 - Found it good – great pics and stories.

2022 - I have now found reason to delve into Nic's book more deeply.

There can never be another book in Australia – and maybe further afield world-wide – so wonderfully and comprehensively documenting the history of cave discoveries, show cave development, conservation campaigns and development of management practises and the values of Tasmania's caves and karst with their long history of use by Indigenous Australians and the European occupiers.

This book is simply wonderful. Lovely stories, histories, and great pics of Tasmanian caves from many contributors. I am not sure it is still in print, but your library will get it on interlibrary loan.

Get it! Buy it! Read it!



Exciting news from Speleobooks: Preorder your copy of 'Lechuguilla Cave, Discoveries in a Hidden Splendor' and save 10%. Shipping scheduled for early October. Preorder offer available until 9/30. <http://speleobooks.secure-mall.com/>

Lechuguilla Cave, Discoveries in a Hidden Splendor Max Wisshak • Hazel A. Barton (Editors)

Lechuguilla Cave (New Mexico, USA) is one of the most beautiful caves on Earth. Since its discovery in 1986, more than 240 km of cave has been explored – with no end in sight. Owing to its geologic setting and unusual process of formation, the cave contains a remarkable diversity of rare minerals and formations, which have helped change our understanding of how caves form and the microbial life they can contain.

In this book, the most active explorers of the cave show the features that made it famous and reveal new discoveries in terms of beauty, scale, and science. Through their writing and photography, they take the reader on their journey of preparing for, and exploring, this remarkable cave. They describe how to successfully live and work in the underground and highlight the challenges that must be overcome to discover and map new passages. An explanation of how the stunning imagery is captured takes the reader along in this visual journey of *Discoveries in a Hidden Splendor*. Finally, the extraordinary lengths undertaken to conserve Lechuguilla are illustrated, and how such efforts go hand-in-hand with exploration and photography to reveal the intriguing nature of this wonder of the underground.