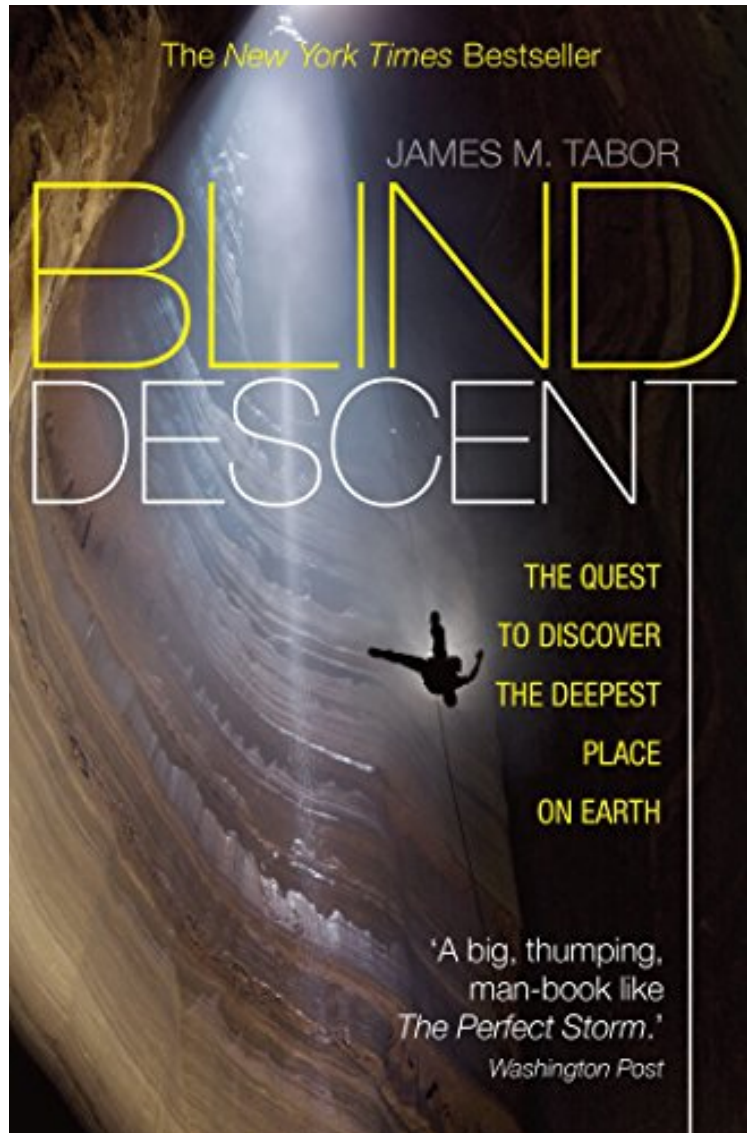


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 Von Ian McGriffin
 The age of great explorers seems to be past. Discoverers have reached every continent, the North and South Poles, the highest mountain peaks, even the moon. Other than continued expansion into outer space, what's left?
 James Tabor's book *Blind Descent* answers that question with a look at cave exploration. Specifically, the quest to find the deepest place on the earth. The book focuses on two explorers, Alexander Klimchouk of the Ukraine and Bill Stone of the USA, and their pursuit to find the deepest cave in the world. It's a story of daring, science, pride and incredible risk. But then that's the story of most great explorers.
 This was a fun book to read. The descriptions of life in the caves is chilling at times, and Tabor can go over the top explaining the risks (to the point that he seems to be overcompensating, as if to make the point that this is REALLY REALLY DANGEROUS SO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!). But once you get past some of the gory details and long lists of things that can kill you underground, you realize ... these guys and gals are over a mile deep under the surface of the earth and hey, this is really really dangerous stuff and I should take it seriously!
 A fun book, a well written book, and a topic that is overlooked in the stories of discovery.
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 Von Chris
 Eigentlich auf der Suche nach Bergsteigerliteratur, ist mir dieses Buch (da unter mountaineering and climbing eingeordnet) in die Hnde gefallen. Ich kletterte und Bergsteige selber, hatte aber von "Caving" nicht die geringste Ahnung; das hat dieses Buch radikal gendert. Spannend verfasst und sehr detailliert beschrieben bringt einem das Buch unvorstellbare menschliche Leistungen nher, die keinesfalls geringer sind als die grssten Errungenschaften des Alpinismus. Ich konnte mich nicht losreissen vom Buch, und kann es nur empfehlen. Meinen tiefsten Respekt haben alle Protagonisten in diesem Buch, fr die Leidenschaft und den Willen in Abgrnde vorzudringen, bei denen mir beim Lesen auf der Couch schon Schauer ber den Rcken laufen, und das in einer Disziplin in der (zumindest in Deutschland) kein Ruhm zu ernten sind wie beim Klettern/Bergsteigen. Die Kindleversion enthlt auch einige Bilder, leider fehlt eine Karte der beschriebenen Hhlen; eine Karte sowie Profilansicht der Krubera Cave findet man via Google aber ebenso wie einige Videos und Fotos. Zusammenfassend ein wirklich einschneidendes und beeindruckendes Buch, das mein Interesse frs "caving" auf Dauer geweckt und einen bleibenden Eindruck hinterlassen hat.
 An alle nicht Englisch-Muttersprachler: Das Englisch ist leicht verstndlich und spitze zu lesen!
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 Von McDarknTwisty
 Eine super spannende Reportage ber den Wettlauf zur tiefsten Hhle der Welt - die man erst mal finden muss. Der Autor versteht es, Spannung aufzubauen, sowohl ber wie unter der Erde. Er schildert die Atmosphre der Expeditionen so gut und mitreierend, dass man vllig gebannt ist, frmlich das Wasser in den Hhlen pltschern hrt, die beklemmende Enge sprt, die Gefahr stndig vor Augen hat. Auch die Personen, die auf diese wahnwitzigen und lebensgefhrlichen Unternehmungen gehen, sind lebhaft beschrieben. Ein kleiner Wermutstropfen ist die Tatsache, dass den amerikanischen Entdeckern der grte Teil des Buches gewidmet ist, den (vorlufigen) Rekord aber schlussendlich ein Ukrainer mit seinem Team hlt, dessen Leistung in der Beschreibung doch ein bisschen kurz kommt. Aber fr den Autor war es sicher leichter, Informationen ber die Amerikaner, die in Mexico nach dem tiefsten Punkt der Erde suchen, zu sammeln, als ber das ukrainische Team, das in Georgien unterwegs ist.

Kurzbeschreibung
 The deepest cave on earth was a prize that had remained unclaimed for centuries, long after every other ultimate discovery had been made. This is the story of the men and women who risked everything to find it, earning their place in history beside the likes of Peary, Amundsen, Hillary, and Armstrong.
 In 2004, two great scientist-explorers attempted to find the bottom of the world. Bold, American Bill Stone was committed to the vast Cheve Cave, located in southern Mexico and deadly even by supercave standards. On the other side of the globe, legendary Ukrainian explorer Alexander Klimchouk - Stone's opposite in temperament and style - had targeted Krubera, a freezing nightmare of a supercave in the Republic of Georgia.
Blind Descent explores both the brightest and darkest aspects of the timeless human urge to discover - to be first. It is also a thrilling epic about a pursuit that makes even extreme mountaineering and ocean exploration pale by comparison. These supercavers spent months in multiple camps almost two vertical miles deep and many more miles from their caves' exits. They had to contend with thousand-foot drops, deadly flooded tunnels, raging whitewater rivers, monstrous waterfalls, mile-long belly crawls, and much more. Perhaps even worse were the psychological horrors produced by weeks plunged into absolute, perpetual darkness, beyond all hope of rescue, including a particularly insidious derangement called 'The Rapture'.
Blind Descent is a testament to human survival and endurance - and to two extraordinary men whose relentless pursuit of greatness led them to heights of triumph and depths of tragedy neither could have imagined.
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