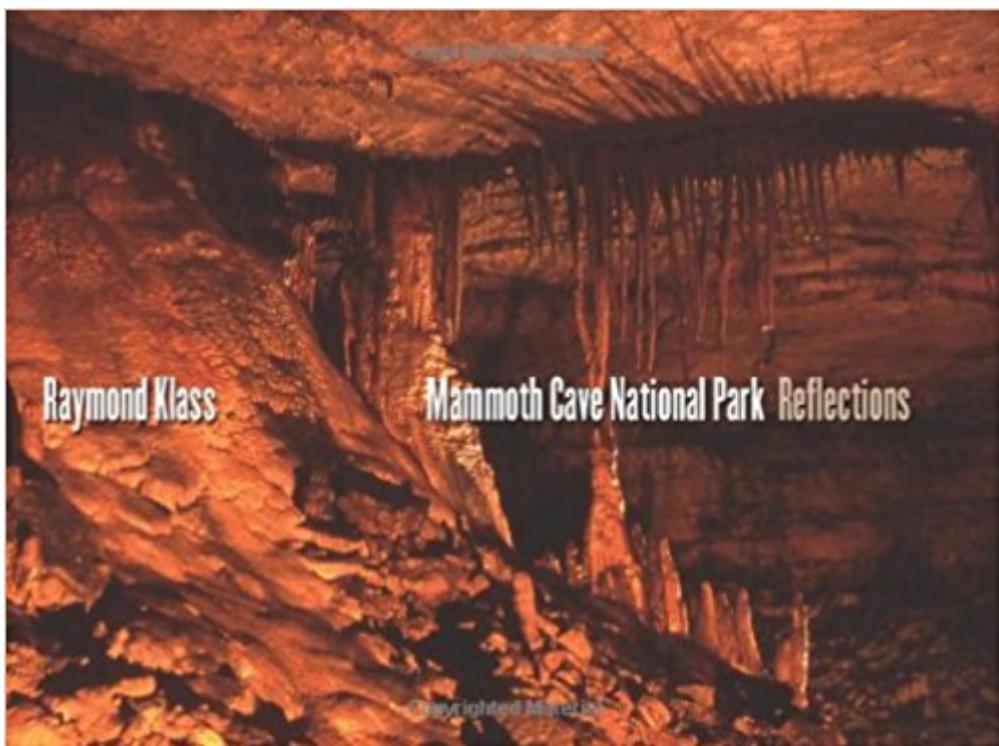


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# Mammoth Cave National Park: Reflections



## **Synopsis**

Kentucky's Mammoth Cave National Park is home to the world's longest cave system, boasting over 350 miles of explored and mapped passageways. Geologists estimate that there could be as many as 600 miles of this vast subterranean world that remain unexplored. In addition to the renowned Mammoth Cave, the park also includes over 50,000 acres of untouched hills, streams, and forests. Almost 70 miles of scenic trails cross the area, and the Green River winds through the landscape. Nearly two million visitors from all over the world come to the park each year to explore and enjoy nature. In 2003, nature photographer Raymond Klass was awarded an artist-in-residence position at the park and was granted special access to the cave and the surrounding wilderness. For nearly three months he lived in the park, taking thousands of photographs of famous cave formations such as Frozen Niagara and the Drapery Room as well as scenery and wildlife not often accessible to the general public. *Mammoth Cave National Park: Reflections* is Klass's unique visual exploration of both the above- and belowground ecosystems within the park. With over 100 dramatic full-color photographs accompanied by Klass's commentary and extracts from his journal entries made while living and working in the park, the book is a celebration of this distinctive environment and of the extraordinary diversity of one of our most popular national parks.

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Raymond Klass, a freelance photographer, was awarded a North American Nature Photography Association scholarship in 2000. He lives in New City, New York.

I was hoping for more information on cave diving. Too many of the photographs are of the exterior which is really not as important as The caves themselves.

Photographer Raymond Klass has done an outstanding job of capturing the beauty of Mammoth Cave National Park both inside the cave and out. It is the best photo book ever published on the park. The reproduction of the over 100 color photographs is outstanding. If you have ever been to Mammoth Cave or are thinking about visiting the park, this book is a must.

This book holds amazing powers, the photos, the writing, and the caves. I love this book. I gave it to my 12 year old twins for their birthdays last year. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

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