**Trevor Shaw and Alenka Čuk**

**Slovene Caves & Karst, pictured 1545-1914**


Slovene Caves & Karst is the last book published by these authors already well known for their activity as karst historians. As usual they produced a very special book with an incredible collection of illustrations over a time interval of almost four centuries.

The most important karst features of Slovenia have been taken into account in 13 chapters. In addition a detailed biographical lexicon gives a lot of information on the authors of the illustrations: engravings, paintings and photos. In order to help readers from other countries an appendix listing the equivalent place names in German, Slovene and English is provided.

The caves of this area are the heart of speleology from the historical point of view, and therefore anyone interested in speleology, particularly before it became officially a scientific branch of earth sciences, has a great source of data.

Surely this book should find a place in the shelf of any library dedicated to caves and karst.

The authors are to be congratulated for their fantastic effort.

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