

What others are saying about *50 Years Of Texas Caving*

I received the book and it's a marvelous read. If you are a caver, past or present, you really need to purchase this book for your library. It brought back memories of days long ago when cavers were cavers. Thanks, Carl, for the memories.

I got mine Christmas eve and I will tell you that it is *very* impressive and fun to look through. I don't see how Carl could make this for only \$50. Thank you Carl Kunath!!

Considering the research, the work and untold number of months spent compiling, writing, organizing, editing, proof reading and the numerous details involved in creating this book, it is truly a bargain. Also, with the relatively low volume of books which will be sold (based on best selling fiction), Carl will probably never turn a profit but can feel good in knowing that he, Jerry and all of the others have produced a great book on Texas caving which will probably never be equaled. Every member of the Texas caving fraternity as well as all members of TSA, TCMA and TCC should buy this book for many hours of pleasurable reading and to help it become a successful endeavor.

If you have the option, buy the book before this gem is no longer available! I received my copy in the mail a few days and I have been engrossed in reading it. It is very thick with a hard cover (reminds me of my college Science books) and nicely done...well worth the \$50.

Mr. Kunath's book is awesomely inspiring. "50 Years" is a masterpiece that Texas cavers will enjoy for a millenia. The author manages to display his affection for Texas Speleology on paper for generations to learn and discover and appreciate what caving in the latter half of the 20th century was like in Texas. I felt certain that 50 Years was going to be very good, but I was surprised that it was far better than I could have imagined. If this book were a PHD Thesis, I would give it the highest grade possible.

In the academic community it is generally considered that doing the research and writing a book--especially one of any great merit--is the equivalent of a PhD. Basically (basically, I say), that's all a thesis is. If anyone doubts the scope of the work performed in the research, writing, and production of "50 Years" let them try it themselves. And if anyone doubts the merits of the book just let them pick it up. It certainly surpasses the scope of many, if not most, PhD thesis ever written. In view of his efforts in producing this book and the many other contributions he has made to Texas caving (photography, maps & mapping, writing, editing, and much more) over the past half-century I hereby propose that we, the cavers of Texas, without further ado, grant Carl Kunath (NSS 6230) the popular honorific of Doctor of Speleography.

Mine came in yesterday's mail, and I spent the whole evening with it. Great job!

Carl, you did a fine job compiling all that information and putting that book together. I must say that this volume is far, far more than I expected. Seems a shame that for so many of us the only way we will get into any history book is through our mis-spent youth.

WOW! Today is Christmas Eve and I have done nothing but read and scan 50 Years Of Texas Caving! What a masterpiece! I am so happy with the way this big project turned out that I can't say enough to express my happiness with it, and owe you many, many thanks for a job well done. I may even consider having this book buried with me. Thanks again, Carl.

I just received The Book yesterday - what a magnificent tome, well worth the wait! You are certainly to be congratulated on this incredible feat. Obviously I have so far done no more than skimmed through it, reading bits here and there, but I look forward to a closer reading. It sure brings back a flood of pleasant memories, and a strong feeling of nostalgia. Great job! And thanks.

I've been hearing about "Fifty Years" for years now. I read excerpts in PDF format before it was published! I received my copy at the January CBSP trip. I'm happy to report that as some said, Carl has created his masterpiece! This is a book of equal importance to those just starting their caving careers or those having been around for awhile. It's breathtaking. If you've heard the hype about it, it lives up to every word! A monumental work! For \$50.00, it's a bargain!

My Christmas is complete now. Opening the package I found the most wonderful book. I collected National Geographic from the 1940's till I donated them to a retirement home in year 2000 and I treasured those books because every one was a magnificent collection of pictures and stories. The book I received from you is far superior and breath takingly marvelous and will be placed where all that enter my home can see it. Thank you for spending the time to document this marvelous history book of caving in Texas.

Still looking at the wonderful book and the amazement at this work continues.

I just received (and, partially read) your "Fifty Years of Texas Caving." Texas caving and Texas cavers owe you a debt of gratitude for your historical overview.

I recently saw a copy of your book, "50 Years of Caving," at the home of my Dad. It's an amazing volume, and the pictures and historical data are really something to see!

I just wanted to pay you a complement on the great book. I do plan to spend many evenings reading it. Great work Carl. That is a major lifetime accomplishment.

I received my book yesterday, the best Christmas present that I have received in some time. I haven't read it all yet, but what I have read, it is very good. I like the inclusion of letters, posters, etc. You did a wonderful job. Congratulations. You should win awards for this!

Obviously a labor of love. A book badly needed...long overdue. Truly..one of those books you didn't want to put down until you turned the next page. I am amazed at your persistence in pursuing all those endless pages of research. Well, it probably won't make the New York Times Book of the Month, but it should.

I put everything aside and directed my attention to your book. My comments remind me of the descriptions of some beautiful caves, "There are no words that can do justice to it." Surely, you are the only person who could have done this on such a grand scale. You have done an outstanding job. This is the work of a lifetime.

I received your book in the mail yesterday. What a marvelous work. Well-researched, wonderful pictures, fine writing. You are to be congratulated. You're a genius!

Carl, the book is absolutely magnificent! Beautifully produced, wonderfully designed, and very well written... And that's from somebody who's done books.

Thank You! What a Monumental Project! I have not had time to get thru it all yet, but did want to write to thank you & praise your efforts. Fascinating! Educational! Historic! An amazing account.

Looked at the my copy today for the first time and it is an impressive work. I'm so glad you did it. I am glad to see the pictures and hear stories of people I have long lost track of. By putting it into print you have given us all an immortality of sorts. You have put an awful lot of work into it. In my humble opinion, the TSS and the NSS should be paying you for putting it out. Some sort of grant, after the fact.

Just took a brief look (2 hrs) at your book. Good stuff! Lotsa humor, anecdotes, personal stuff, mixed in with real science and history. Just the kind of book I like to read (and no gratuitous violence, sex, or drug use--G-Rated nudity). I really enjoyed all the "period" photos. \$50, is really chump change for a book like this. \$100 would be approaching a more reasonable price. I really like it a lot. Thanks.