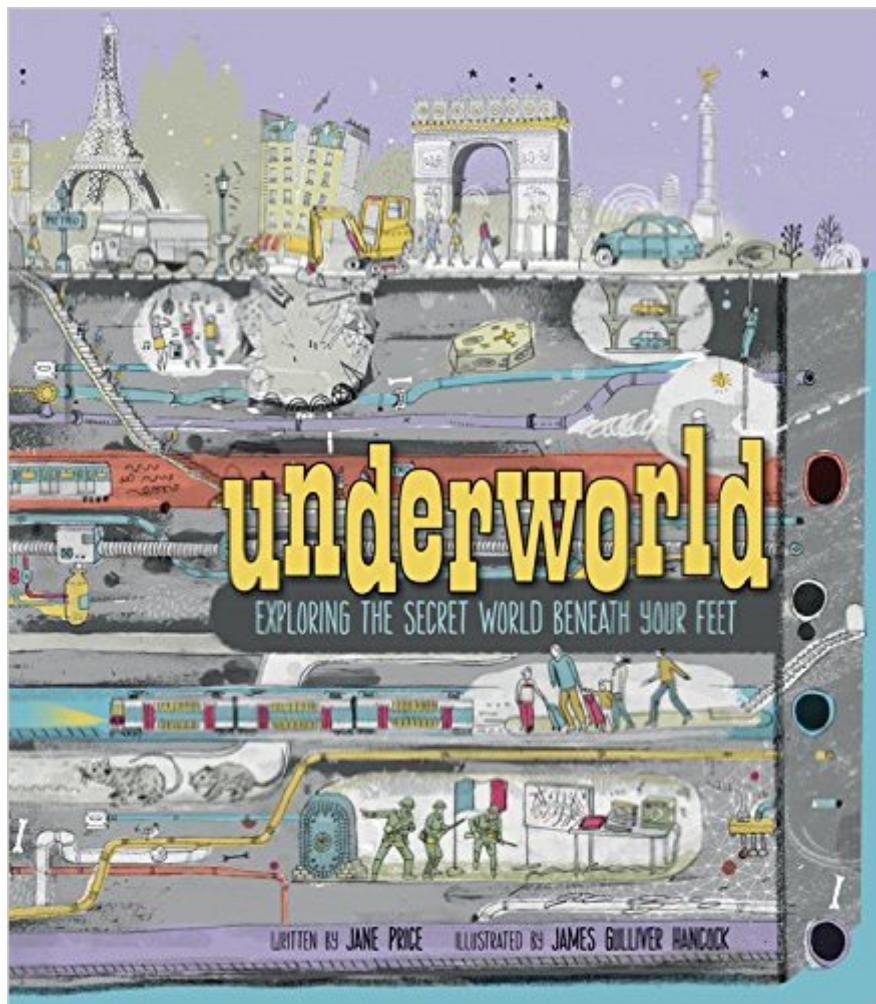


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# Underworld: Exploring The Secret World Beneath Your Feet



## Synopsis

With the intriguing idea of exploring what lies below the surface of the Earth as its broad theme, this fascinating book cleverly dices up the subject into small, more manageable pieces ready to be devoured by young readers, particularly boys. The basics are covered in detail, such as the physical properties of the Earth's crust (including its unusual features such as volcanoes and caves), as well as animals with underground habitats. There is a treasure trove of information on the uses humans have made of the underground --- from bunkers used during wartime, to burial sites, to the Paris Métro --- as well as possibilities for the future, even on Mars! What makes this book truly unique, however, are the less expected subjects it covers --- fully examining, for example, the subterranean city of Cappadocia, where early Christians hid from Roman soldiers; King Tut's tomb and its alleged curse; and the underground dungeons used for torture in medieval castles. This is an extraordinary resource for earth science or social sciences lessons covering any number of diverse subjects, from paleontology to archaeology, from mythology to ancient civilizations and from engineering to agriculture. The format is conducive to browsing, with every topic covered on a two-page spread. The text by Jane Price is easy to read and accessible, and engaging illustrations by James Gulliver Hancock, along with many photographs, help to visualize the sometimes-complicated concepts. Boxes, fun facts and funny captions keep things lively and entertaining. A generous index helps with navigation.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

UNDERWORLD: Jane Price ISBN 978-1894786898 Visit the hidden realms beneath us as Jane Price gives us a front seat view to everything out mindâ™s eye has only dreamed to see. We go deep inside the earth passing though old mines no longer in use. We see fossils of various sizes and centuries. Our breath is taken by the beauty of ancient Egypt and the history everywhere the eye looks. We wander into an underground city which once held a population of 30,000. It is incredible and difficult to wrap my mind around. If not for the photographs, I would be having trouble believing many sites explored. These illustrations reveal the layers and depth of the earth. It makes me wonder just how deep will man go? How deep can they go? What secrets are left to unfold? I for one, do not believe we have them all. I think weâ™ve only touched the very tip on the imagined iceberg.

Truly engaging book for kids AND adults. The book is well made, the pictures very stimulating. My sons spend a lot of time poring over the details in the drawing. It's true, a picture IS worth a thousand words, and the kids get a lot of information just by looking, observing the drawings. This is not just a picture book however, there is useful text to go along with the depictions. I borrowed this book from the library but am so in love with it, I am now ordering it online. What a great piece of work, thanks to both Jane Price (the author) and the illustrator, James Gulliver Hancock. This book would also make a really fun gift to kids (mine are 8 and 10 years old)...but it has appeal to a wider age range.

This fascinating book will have you turning the pages quickly to see what else could possibly be included in an underground anthology, and then you'll want to flip the pages backwards to peruse in depth the topics that intrigue you most. Nine chapters from burying the dead to exploring for riches to extraordinary rescues of trapped miners with short bursts of text, actual pictures and photographs, cartoons and humorous word bubbles makes for highly informative and captivating leisure reading.

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