



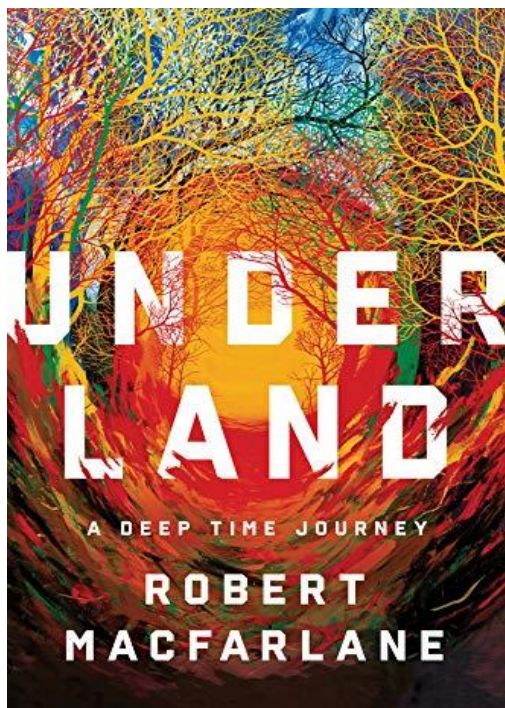
Suntrap Book Review

Underland: a Deep Time Journey

Written by Robert MacFarlane

Published by Penguin Books p/b £10.99

Age range: Adult



Description

Ten years in the making, *Underland* is an enthralling record of journeys deep into the worlds beneath our feet. From the burial grounds of the Mendip Hills to the hidden catacombs of Paris, and further, to the deep blue, ancient ice of Greenland, Macfarlane explores - through myth, memory and experience – our most feared and venerated spaces of loss, discovery and deep time.

Blending personal memoir, travelogue and nature writing, infused with a powerful ability to read the essential messages about our changing planet and our place within it embedded in the very ground we walk upon, *Underland* is an astonishing and unforgettable book. Written with lyricism, power and prescience, it brings together the ancient and the urgent in a revelatory examination of an unseen and essential netherworld.

Reviews

New York Times “100 Notable Books of the Year”;

NPR “Favourite Books of 2019”;

Guardian “100 Best Books of the 21st Century”;

Winner of the National Outdoor Book Award;

Winner of the Wainwright Prize 2019;

Winner of the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year Award 2020

'You'd be crazy not to read this book' **The Sunday Times**

'Every book by Macfarlane since his first has felt less like a new start than the natural extension of a growing landscape. With *Underland*, it expands downwards to take in barrows, caves, tunnels and catacombs. The experience is, as always, exhilarating and a little terrifying.' - **The Daily Telegraph**

'There are some simply wonderful chapters here, combining natural and human history, a love of places and names...' - **The Times**

'*Underland* is an epic and occasionally portentous descent into a series of underground and underwater landscapes' - **The Financial Times**

'Macfarlane has invented a new kind of book, really a new genre entirely' - **The Irish Times**

'He is the great nature writer, and nature poet, of this generation' - **The Wall Street Journal**