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THE CAVE DIVERS **BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER**

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Author Robert Burgess has been diving for over 50 years, and is a veteran journalist with 20 books and hundreds of magazine articles to his credit, most about sharks, shipwrecks, treasure hunting, marine biology and underwater archaeology. He is also the author of the Aqua Quest dive guide *Diving off the Beaten Track* and the forthcoming *Diving Freshwater Florida*. He resides in Chattahoochee, Florida.

The Cave Divers is available at book stores, dive centers, on the internet, or directly from the publisher: Aqua Quest Publications, PO Box 700, Locust Valley, NY 11560-0700; Tel: 800-933-8989, 516-759-0476; Fax: 516-759-4519. Retail price is \$19.95 plus \$4.00 P & H.

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