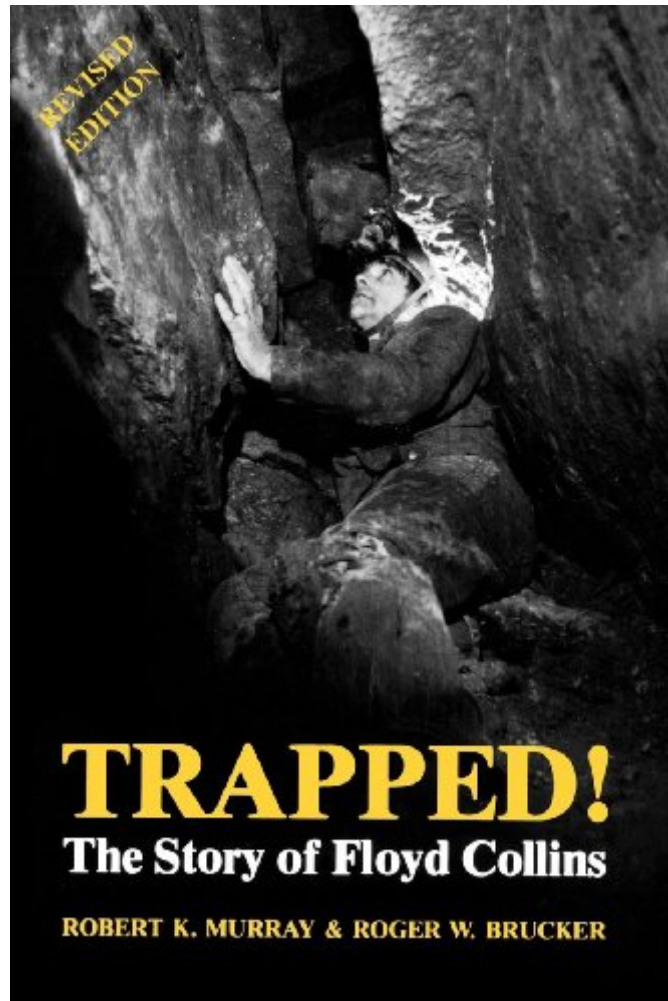




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"When Floyd Collins became trapped in a cave in southern Kentucky in early 1925, the sensationalism and hysteria of the rescue attempt generated America's first true media spectacle, making Collins's story one of the seminal events of the century. The crowds that gathered outside Sand Cave turned the rescue site into a carnival. Collins's situation was front-page news throughout the country, hourly bulletins interrupted radio programs, and Congress recessed to hear the latest word. Trapped! is both a tense adventure and a brilliant historical recreation of the past. This new edition includes a new epilogue revealing information about the Floyd Collins story that has come to light since the book was first published.

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Customer Reviews

After a recent visit to Mammoth Cave National Park I have an interest in cave stories - this did not disappoint ! Well researched and well written - highly recommend!

My interest in Floyd Collins comes from my relationship to the Collins Family. Floyd's younger brother, Marshall, was married to my great aunt, Anna Johnson. I had heard stories all my life about this tragedy, but it is nice to have a full narrative into which I can place the stories I heard. This is a wonderful account, well documented and written with attention to detail.

As somebody who suffers from claustrophobia, the story of Floyd Collins's predicament is the ultimate nightmare, but yet a fascinating read!! If you're like me, you'll turn away just to shudder and catch your breath occasionally when you picture yourself in Collins's rut. Murray and Brucker's research is probably the most in-depth on the subject and they paint the appalling 1925 Kentucky scene well. Your hopes and expectations will yo-yo through this rollercoaster ride that chronicles the final days of Floyd Collins and the story of his rescuers. Anybody with an interest in caving should read this book. Similarly, anybody with an interest in Kentucky history will probably enjoy this book too. Very difficult to put down!

Purchased this many years ago and have recently reread Floyd's story. Well written and well documented. Hard to believe what this man went through and the actions of the people following his story.

If you ever crawled through cold muddy caves as I did when you were growing up you'll love this story. It's one of the best books I've ever read. My Grandfather was one of the many Cave City, KY locals who went out to the Sand Cave spectacle during the rescue attempts of Floyd Collins and told me about it when I was a little kid.

Great book full of historic info about the caves area and a real nail biter retelling of Collin's story. Am reading it for the second time

enjoyed the book very much, such history in and around Mammoth Cave, Kentucky

Enjoyed it even more than I expected. If you like Brucker's other books (The Longest Cave and Beyond Mammoth) pick this one up too and you won't be disappointed.

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