

**Doktorgradsavhandling: anmeldelse**

Grønlie om Faulkner's PhD thesis

On the basis of field studies, predominantly but not exclusively, carried out in southern parts of Nordland, Faulkner has illuminated all aspects relevant to the formation and development of caves in metamorphic limestone (marble). His very comprehensive knowledge has been built up over many years. Among cavers he is known in particular for, since 1972, having participated in or led 13 expeditions to Scandinavia, where he has visited about 500 caves. With his characteristically systematic approach Faulkner has constructed an impressive database, comprising a wealth of measurable cave attributes from vadose, relict, and combination caves in close to 20 geomorphologic zones.

Very rarely one reads a thesis where the author is supported by such a thorough fieldwork, such comprehensive data analysis, and such an overview of the vast subject of karst studies as documented by Faulkner in this glittering work.