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### **Gabriel Scott og naturetikk**

Gabriel Scott

In his book "Alkejegeren" from 1933, the famous Norwegian author Gabriel Scott describes a cave on the island Flekkerøi. In the past the cave was used by local fishermen from the nearby town as a shelter for overnight stays. The cave consists of two chambers, divided by a rock half-wall. You could stand in both chambers; though the "living room" was reckoned as the cosiest one, while "the kitchen" had a fireplace.

"Alkejegeren" is a book about nature and culture. Gabriel Scott was very engaged in this topic. The book was the first to discuss nature ethics in Norway. Scott describes how the caves were used by natives and destroyed by mining and thoughtless use. A tragic sign that has met many caves in our time.