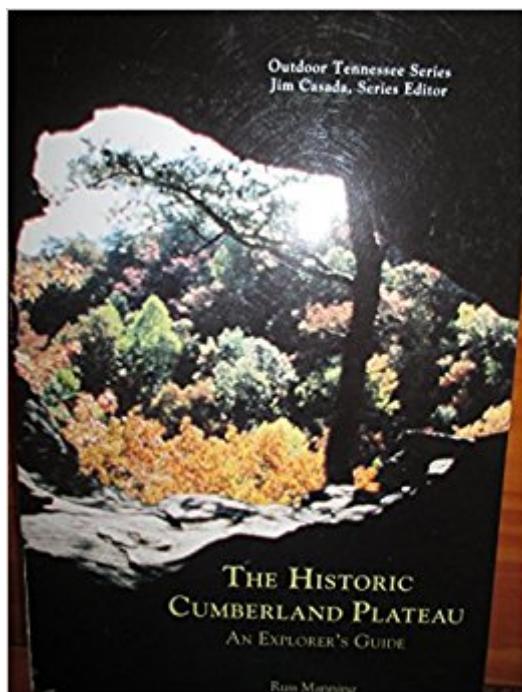


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Extremely informative! Very detailed concerning the Cumberland Plateau even though the latest edition is several years old. Recommend anyone living or thinking about living anywhere on the plateau read it!

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