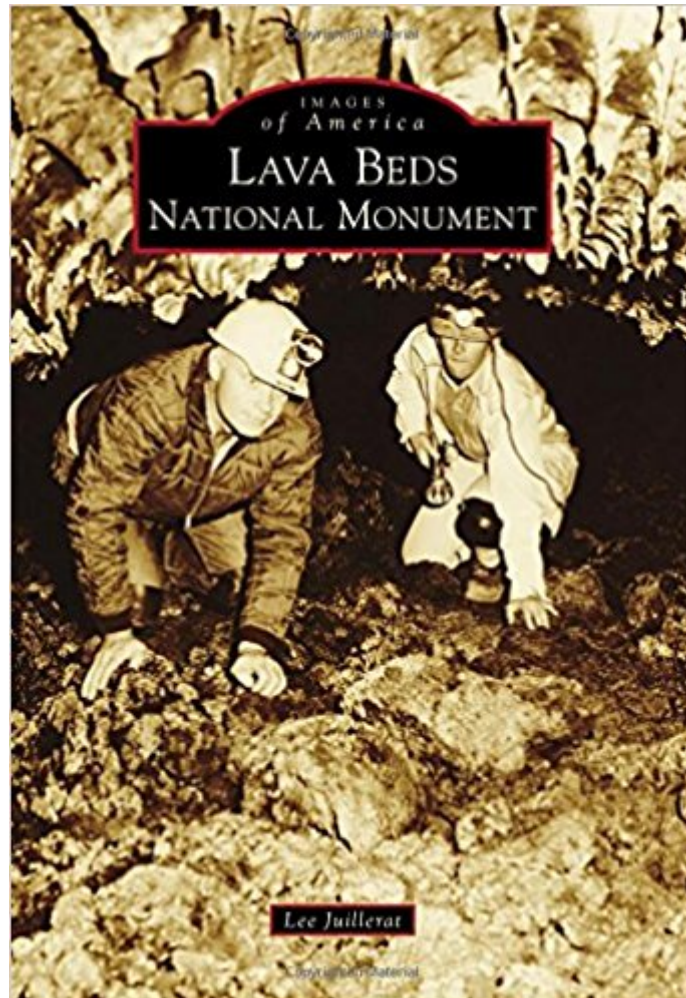




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The region in far northeastern California encompassed by Lava Beds National Monument is often called the "Land of Burnt Out Fires." The name reflects a landscape created by fiery volcanic forces, including cataclysmic events that created more than 700 lava tube caves and an aboveground landscape shaped and fractured by lava flows and other geologic turmoil. Despite its tortured landscape, the region has also been a place of human habitation for thousands of years. Early natives traveled through the lava beds as part of their seasonal travels for food and shelter. The Modoc Indians' knowledge of that landscape, a natural lava fortress now known as Captain Jack's Stronghold, was used during the Modoc War of 1872 and 1873. Modocs, settlers, and others who followed—sheep ranchers, homesteaders, cave discoverers, tourists, spelunkers, and US Forest Service and National Park Service managers—have played prominent roles in creating the region's, and Lava Beds National Monument's, always evolving human history.

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Lee Juillerat, who, for many years, was unaware that his house was once the home of J.D.

"father of Lava Beds" Howard, has written hundreds of stories for newspapers, magazine, and books about Lava Beds, including, of course, Howard. Juillerat brings his unique perspective to this book.

This book by my friend and longtime Klamath Falls newspaperman and historian, Lee Juillerat, is a wonderful introduction to Lava Beds National Monument south of Tule Lake at the California/Oregon border. It is a national park managed by the National Park Service and is filled with fascinating geological phenomena, as well as being the site of the 1873 Modoc Indian War which historians have described as one of the most significant Indian wars in American history. Lee's book on Lava Beds National Monument is easy reading and is well supplemented with an array of very interesting photographs of the lava beds. History buffs will particularly enjoy the chapter on the Modoc War which includes historic photographs by Eadweard Muybridge and sketches by William Simpson. If you are interested in, or planning a vacation to Lava Beds National Monument, Lee's book is an introductory must. And if you find the Modoc War particularly interesting, please consider also buying my own book on the Modoc War. titled "Modoc Vengeance" and listed here on .Daniel Woodhead, III San Francisco

Lee Juillerat has been an excellent news reporter in the Klamath Basin for many years and this book is a continuance of that excellence.

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