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A little mouse who dreams of the moon, travels to the Smithsonian Museum where he learns about the history of mouse aviation and begins preparing for his own journey into outer space.

Meet history's game changers This biography series is for kids who loved Who Was? and are ready for the next level. On July 20, 1969, the whole world was watching Neil Armstrong. He was the first person ever to set foot on the moon But how did he achieve such an amazing feat? From a childhood spent building model planes to an early career as a test pilot, Neil was always fascinated by aviation. Find out how this boy who loved planes became one of history's greatest trailblazers Trailblazers is a biography series that celebrates the lives of amazing pioneers, past and present, from all over the world.

A biography of Neil Armstrong, the first person to set foot on the Moon, in graphic novel format. Neil Armstrong: First Man on the Moon! is a biography of the astronaut who became the first person to walk on the Moon in 1969. From earning a pilot’s certificate at age 16 to being a test pilot for supersonic jets, Armstrong spent most of the early part of his life perfecting the skills he would need for the historic Moon landing. Calm and collected under pressure, he was an ideal candidate for NASA’s astronaut program, and is remembered for his famous words, spoken after he set foot on the Moon: “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” Full-color illustrations and historically accurate text make this biography an entertaining, educational, and inspiring read for those who enjoy history and graphic novels.

In this book, you will find out all about Neil Armstrong, before he made history.

One Giant Leap

Distinguished Eagle Scouts

Pocket Bios: Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong, Donald Rumsfeld, Steven Spielberg, E. O. Wilson, Ross Perot, Michael Dukakis, William Westmoreland, Dick G

Apollo Expeditions to the Moon

Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me

New York Times bestseller for fans of First Man: A “breathtaking” insider history of NASA’s space program—from astronauts Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton (Entertainment Weekly). On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I, and the space race was born. Desperate to beat the Russians into space, NASA put together a crew of the nation’s most daring test pilots: the seven men who were to lead America to the moon. The first into space was Alan Shepard; the last was Deke Slayton, whose irregular heartbeat kept him grounded until 1975. They spent the 1960s at the forefront of NASA’s effort to conquer space, and Moon Shot is their inside account of what many call the twentieth century’s greatest feat—landing humans on another world. Collaborating with NBC’s veteran space reporter Jay Barbree, Shepard and Slayton narrate in gripping detail the story of America’s space exploration from the time of Shepard’s first flight until he and eleven others had walked on the moon.

A brief biography of American astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, the first person ever to step on the surface of the moon.

In the years between the historic first moon landing by Apollo 11 on July 20, 1969, and his death at age 82 on August 25, 2012, Neil Armstrong received hundreds of thousands of cards and letters from all over the world, congratulating him, praising him, requesting pictures and autographs, and asking him what must have seemed to him to be limitless—and occasionally intrusive—questions. Of course, all the famous astronauts received fan mail, but the sheer volume Armstrong had to deal with for more than four decades after his moon landing was staggering. Today, the preponderance of those letters—some 75,000 of them—are preserved in the archives at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dear Neil Armstrong: Letters to the First Man on the Moon publishes a careful sampling of these letters—roughly 400—reflecting the various kinds of correspondence that Armstrong received along with representative samples of his replies. Selected and edited by James R. Hansen, Armstrong’s authorized biographer and author of the New York Times best seller First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong, this collection sheds light on Armstrong’s enduring impact and offers an intimate glimpse into the cultural meanings of human spaceflight. Readers will explore what the thousands of letters to Neil Armstrong meant not only to those who wrote them, but as a snapshot of one of humankind’s greatest achievements in the twentieth century. They will see how societies and cultures projected their own meanings onto one of the world’s great heroes and iconic figures.

Part of the best-selling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, Neil Armstrong tells the inspiring story of the first person to every step foot on the moon.

Young Pilot

Who Is Barack Obama?

Astronaut & First Human to Walk on the Moon

Neil Armstrong's Stellar American Journey

50 Things to See on the Moon

Neil Armstrong Walks on the Moon

Development of the Youth Athlete offers a single-authored, well-illustrated, evidence-based, and integrated analysis of the development and trainability of the morphological and physiological characteristics which influence sport performance in youth. The book critically analyses the development of the youth athlete in the context of current and future sport performance and long-term health and well-being. Development of the Youth Athlete identifies the principal controversies in youth sport and addresses them through sport-specific examples. Presenting a rigorous assessment and interpretation of scientific data with an emphasis on underlying physiological mechanisms, the book focuses on the interactions between growth, maturation, and: Sport-related fitness Sport-specific trainability Sport performance Challenges in youth sport Providing the only up-to-date, coherent critical discourse on youth athlete development currently available, Development of the Youth Athlete is essential reading for students, lecturers, sport medicine practitioners, researchers, scholars, and senior coaches with an interest in youth sport, exercise science, and sport medicine.

"A biography of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon"--

Forty years ago, Buzz Aldrin became the second human - minutes after Neil Armstrong - to set foot on a celestial body other than the Earth. The event remains one of mankind's greatest achievements and was witnessed by the largest worldwide television audience in history. In the years since, millions more have had their earth-centric perspective changed forever by gazing at the iconic photograph of Aldrin standing on the surface of the Moon with the blackness of space behind him. He described what he saw as 'magnificent desolation'. The flight of Apollo 11 made Aldrin one of the most famous people on the planet, yet few people know the rest of the story. In Magnificent Desolation, Aldrin not only gives us a harrowing first-person account of the lunar landing that came within seconds of failure, as well as the ultimate insider's view of life as one of the superstars of America's space program, he also opens up with remarkable candor about his more personal trials - and eventual triumphs - back on Earth. From the glory of being part of the mission that fulfilled President Kennedy's challenge to reach the Moon before the decade was out, Aldrin returned home to an Air Force career stripped of purpose or direction, other than as a public relations tool that NASA put to relentless use in a seemingly nonstop world tour. The twin demons of depression and alcoholism emerged - the first of which Aldrin confronted early and publicly and the second of which he met with denial until it nearly killed him. As an adventure story, a searing memoir of self-destruction and self-renewal, and as a visionary rallying cry to once again set our course for Mars and beyond, Magnificent Desolation is the thoroughly human story of a genuine hero.

On July 20, 1969, at 3:16 p.m., Commander Neil Armstrong brought the lunar module, Eagle , to a safe landing on the Moon. Millions of television viewers on Earth watched breathlessly as he then became the first man to set foot on the Moon. This amazing achievement was years, even centuries, in the making. The Moon and the heavens have intrigued mankind since ancient times. FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON chronicles the spirit and determination of visionaries from Galileo to John F. Kennedy, whose dream of reaching the Moon was finally and superbly realized through the efforts of the Apollo missions. With a compelling and thoroughly researched text, the great vision of the scientists, engineers, and astronauts who struggled to make the dream a reality is brought into sharp focus. The book brings to light great triumphs and tragedies. Readers will learn about the years of determination, experimentation, and risk that gave rise to many space explorations, including 17 Apollo missions. Today the Moon is less of a mystery than in ancient times, but it is still a wonder. Breathtaking photographs--many from NASA--portray the indescribable beauty of outer space, the Moon, and the wonder of mankind's inspiring vision.

Neil Armstrong in His Own Words

Wonders All Around

A Life of Flight

The NASA History 50th Anniversary Edition

Footprints on the Moon

Who Was the First Man on the Moon?: Neil Armstrong

Here men from the planet earth. First set foot upon the moon - July 1969 A.D. We Came in peace for all mankind. From the plaque on the Eagle, Apollo 11, which landed on the moon on July 20, 1969.

A tender story about a tough-as-nails girl forced to take one small step towards understanding during the summer of 1969. "Muscle Man McGinty is a squirrely runt, a lying snake, and a pitiful excuse for a ten-year old.....the problem is that no one knows it but me. In the entire town of Massapequa Park, only I can see him for what he really is. A phony." Tamara Ann Simpson is determined to expose Muscle Man McGinty, a foster boy new to her neighborhood, for the liar that she knows he is. Muscle Man tells the other kids his uncle is Neil Armstrong and he even has the audacity to challenge the entire block to a kickball game. So, why is Tamara the only one who can see through this kid? It's the summer of 1969 and things are changing in Tamara's little town of Massapequa, Long Island, and in the world. Perhaps Tamara can take one small step towards a bit of compassion and understanding.

What we can learn from the men who walked on the moon. Have you ever wondered what it takes to be an astronaut? Shoot for the Moon (2019) explores the lives and legacies of the people who made the impossible accessible and what we can learn from their examples. Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at https://www.QuickRead.com/App and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. DISCLAIMER: This book summary is meant as a summary and an analysis and not a replacement for the original work. If you like this summary please consider purchasing the original book to get the full experience as the original author intended it to be. If you are the original author of any book published on QuickRead and want us to remove it, please contact us at hello@quickread.com.

As a young boy, Neil Armstrong had a recurring dream in which he held his breath and floated high in the sky. He spent his free time reading stacks of flying magazines, building model airplanes, and staring through a homemade telescope. As a teenager, Neil worked odd jobs to pay for flying lessons at a nearby airport. He earned his student pilot’s license on his sixteenth birthday. But who was to know that this shy boy, who also loved books and music, would become the first person to set foot on the moon, on July 20, 1969.

I Am Neil Armstrong

I Wish I'd Gone to the Moon with Neil Armstrong

Development of the Youth Athlete

First Man

First Man on the Moon

The Extraordinary Life of Neil Armstrong

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 239. Chapters: Neil Armstrong, Donald Rumsfeld, Steven Spielberg, E. O. Wilson, Ross Perot, Michael Dukakis, William Westmoreland, Dick Gephardt, Dana Rohrabacher, Sonny Carter, Stephen Breyer, Sam Walton, Elmo Zumwalt, Gerald Ford, Rick Perry, Steve Fossett, Robert Gates, Bill Bradley, Ben Nelson, Dick Lugar, Jeff Sessions, William Hanna, Terry Sanford, George Thomas Coker, Lamar Alexander, Gordon H. Smith, John Garamendi, Leo K. Thorsness, Louis Freeh, Jim E. Mora, Lloyd Bentsen, Sam Nunn, Mike Crapo, Jim Lovell, William Hillcourt, Pete Sessions, Tom C. Clark, Max I. Silber, Thad Cochran, Murphy J. Foster, Jr., Jay Nixon, Mike Enzi, Gordon Gee, Gary Locke, Jeff Bingaman, Ike Skelton, Milton Caniff, Bill McKown, Mitchell Paige, Charles D. Metcalf, Peter Agre, Howard W. Hunter, Peter Kinder, William Henry Keeler, Percy Sutton, William S. Sessions, Charles Duke, Daniel J. Evans, Dudley R. Herschbach, John Ehrlichman, Richard Herman, Sanford Bishop, Charles Edward Bennett, Raymond P. Shafer, William E. Dannemeyer, Richard H. Trully, Robert Lee Scott, Jr., Stephen Goldsmith, Carlisle Trost, Gerald P. Carr, John Edward Anderson, John C. Whitehead, Larry D. Welch, Charles E. Brady, Jr., Norman Ralph Augustine, Ewing Kauffman, Robert T. Herres, John H. Groberg, Edward L. Rowan, Ray Suarez, Samuel K. Skinner, James Brady, George Hooks, Richard O. Covey, Ernest Green, Samuel Pierce, James Loy, James "Red" Duke, Ray Malavasi, J. Kim Vandiver, Togo D. West, Jr., Michael E. Fossum, William H. Gates, Sr., Tom Mack, J. W. Marriott, Jr., Barber Conable, Charles R. Larson, Marvin J. Ashton, John D. Waihee III, Robert J. Mazzuca, Stephen S. Oswald, Jay L. Johnson, Lawrence Seldon Bacow, Bradley Haddock, Lewis Sorley, James H. Daughdrill, Jr., Jere Ratcliffe, J. J. Pickle, William G. Higgs, Charles D. Wurster, ...

Soon to be a major motion picture, this is the first—and only—definitive authorized account of Neil Armstrong, the man whose “ one small step ” changed history. When Apollo 11 touched down on the Moon ’ s surface in 1969, the first man on the Moon became a legend. In First Man, author James R. Hansen explores the life of Neil Armstrong. Based on over fifty hours of interviews with the intensely private Armstrong, who also gave Hansen exclusive access to private documents and family sources, this “ magnificent panorama of the second half of the American twentieth century ” (Publishers Weekly, starred review) is an unparalleled biography of an American icon. In this “ compelling and nuanced portrait ” (Chicago Tribune) filled with revelations, Hansen vividly recreates Armstrong ’ s career in flying, from his seventy-eight combat missions as a naval aviator flying over North Korea to his formative trans-atmospheric flights in the rocket-powered X-15 to his piloting Gemini VIII to the first-ever docking in space. For a pilot who cared more about flying to the Moon than he did about walking on it, Hansen asserts, Armstrong ’ s storied vocation exacted a dear personal toll, paid in kind by his wife and children. For the near-fifty years since the Moon landing, rumors have swirled around Armstrong concerning his dreams of space travel, his religious beliefs, and his private life. A penetrating exploration of American hero worship, Hansen addresses the complex legacy of the First Man, as an astronaut and as an individual. “ First Man burrows deep into Armstrong ’ s past and present...What emerges is an earnest and brave man ” (Houston Chronicle) who will forever be known as history ’ s most famous space traveler. On July 20, 1969 the whole world stopped. It was a day in which a man who grew up on a farm without electricity would announce, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." In this, the first ever biography of Neil Armstrong, Leon Wagener explores the man whose walk on the moon is still compared to humankind's progenitor's crawl out of the primordial ooze. And whose retreat back to a farm in his native Ohio soon after the last ticker tape confetti fell, has left him looked upon as a reclusive hermit ever since. This is the true story of a national hero, whose life long quest to walk on the moon truly mirrors our best selves, an American who braved incredible danger daily over a long career, finally achieving what seemed impossible, and broke free of the Earth's lurly bonds proving forever that man can reach for the stars, and succeed. Relying on hundreds of interviews with family and friends of the astronaut, plus generous access to the NASA files, Leon Wagener explores the life of one of America's true heroes, in a book filled with extraordinaryny adventure, and even greater achievement. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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When Neil Armstrong Built a Wind Tunnel

Magnificent Desolation

Moon Shot

A first-time stargazer’s guide

The Incredible True Story of Astronaut Bruce McCandless II and the First Untethered Flight in Space

A Who HQ Graphic Novel

A colorfully illustrated, pocket-size picture book biography of the first man to walk on the moon, astronaut Neil Armstrong. Neil Armstrong is an American astronaut most famous for being the first person to walk on the moon: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Before enrolling in the NASA Astronaut Corps in 1962, Armstrong was an officer in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War. Follow this extraordinary man's life and accomplishments, from childhood to space and back again. Pocket Bios are full of personality, introducing readers to fascinating figures from history with simple storytelling and cheerful illustrations. Titles include men and women from history, exploration, the sciences, the arts, the ancient world, and more.

One little boy who loved the idea of flying became the first person to set foot on the moon. On 20 July 1969 Neil Armstrong made history, his 'giant leap for mankind'. From his childhood playing with model planes to becoming one of the most famous astronauts of all time, discover the incredible story of Neil Armstrong's life in this beautifully illustrated book, complete with narrative biography, facts and timelines.

Discover the life of Neil Armstrong--a story about working hard and achieving the impossible Neil Armstrong became the first person ever to step foot on the moon. Before he flew space missions and made history with his moon landing, Neil was a curious kid who loved putting together model airplanes. He dreamed about pushing the boundaries of flight and studied hard in school to achieve his goals. Explore how Neil went from being a young boy growing up in Ohio to one of the most famous astronauts in the entire world (and beyond!). How will his can-do attitude and strong dedication inspire you? The Story of Neil Armstrong includes: Test your knowledge--Make sure you understand the story of Neil's life with a fun quiz. Visual timeline--Watch Neil Armstrong progress from curious kid to famous astronaut. Word definitions--Find a helpful glossary with some of the more advanced words and ideas in the book. You, too, can reach for the stars and do the impossible--just like Neil Armstrong!

Neil Armstrong, the first person to step on the moon, uttered the legendary statement: “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” This thrilling book explains how a young boy from Ohio became arguably the most famous astronaut of all time. A pilot by the time he was 16, Armstrong served in the Korean War before joining the US space program. Readers will learn the amazing story of the journey to the moon and gain an understanding of how perilous that mission really was. Armstrong’s interviews, writings, and other insights are interspersed throughout this must-read volume.

The Inside Story of America's Apollo Moon Landings

Trailblazers: Neil Armstrong

Dear Neil Armstrong

A Reluctant Icon

The Book of Bok

Armstrong

A biography of the first astronaut to walk on the moon, covering his childhood, training as a fighter pilot, and career at NASA.

"Exciting illustrations follow the events of Neil Armstrong walking on the moon. The combination of brightly colored panels and leveled text is intended for students in grades 3 through 7"--

This special edition of Apollo Expeditions to the Moon, an official NASA publication, commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the July 20, 1969, Moon landing with a thrilling insider’s view of the space program. Essays by participants — engineers, astronauts, and administrators — recall the program’s unprecedented challenges. Written in direct, jargon-free language, this compelling adventure features more than 160 dazzling color photographs and scores of black-and-white illustrations. Insights into management challenges as well as its engineering feats include contributions from Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin, Alan Shepard, and other astronauts; NASA administrator James E. Webb; Christopher C. Kraft, head of the Mission Control Center; and engineer Wernher von Braun. Their informative, exciting narratives explore the issues that set the United States on the path to the Moon, offer perspectives on the program’s legacy, and examine the particulars of individual missions. Journalist Robert Sherrod chronicles the selection and training of astronauts. James Lovell, commander of the ill-fated Apollo 13, recounts the damaged ship’s dramatic return to Earth. Geologist and Apollo 17 astronaut Harrison Schmitt discusses the lunar expeditions’ rich harvest of scientific information. These and other captivating firsthand accounts form an ideal introduction to the historic U.S. space program as well as fascinating reading for all ages. This new expanded edition includes a chronology of the Apollo project, additional photographs, and a new Introductory Essay by historian Paul Dickson that offers a modern retrospective of the Moon landing, discussing its place in the world of space exploration and its impact on American history and culture.

Neil Armstrong didn’t grow up wanting to be an astronaut—because there were no astronauts in 1930. But he did love to fly from an early age, and after serving in the Korean War and then finishing college, he joined the organization that would eventually become NASA. As the first man to walk on the moon in 1969, his comment, “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,” was heard by millions, and Neil Armstrong’s influence on the world didn’t stop there. From his early years in Ohio to his NASA career, to his later service as an aerospace professor and on Congressional panels, Neil Armstrong’s life is a legacy to be admired, and this narrative biography illuminates his childhood.

One Moon Rock’s Journey Through Time and Space

The Story of Neil Armstrong

Letters to Neil Armstrong

The Life of Neil A. Armstrong

The Long Journey Home from the Moon

Neil Armstrong

Much has been written about Neil Armstrong, America's modern hero and history's most famous space traveler. Yet shy of fame and never one to steal the spotlight Armstrong was always reluctant to discuss his personal side of events. Here for the first time is the definitive story of Neil's life of flight he shared for five decades with a trusted friend – Jay Barbree. Working from 50 years of conversations he had with Neil, from notes, interviews, NASA spaceflight transcripts, and remembrances of those Armstrong trusted, Barbree writes about Neil's three passions – flight, family, and friends. This is the inside story of Neil Armstrong from the time he flew combat missions in the Korean War and then flew a rocket plane called the X-15 to the edge of space, to when he saved his Gemini 8 by flying the first emergency return from Earth orbit and then flew Apollo-Eleven to the moon's Sea of Tranquility. Together Neil and Jay discussed everything, from his love of flying, to the war years, and of course his time in space. The book is full of never-before-seen photos and personal details written down for the first time, including what Armstrong really felt when he took that first step on the moon, what life in NASA was like, his relationships with the other astronauts, and what he felt the future of space exploration should be. As the only reporter to have covered all 166 American astronaut flights and moon landings Jay knows these events intimately. Neil Armstrong himself said, "Barbree is history's most experienced space journalist. He is exceptionally well qualified to recall and write the events and emotions of our time." Through his friendship with Neil and his dedicated research, Barbree brings us the most accurate account of his friend's life of flight, the book he planned for twenty years.

An authorized portrait of the first astronaut to set foot on the moon sheds light on other aspects of his career, from the honors he received as a naval aviator to the price he and his family paid for his professional dedication.

Have you always wanted to explore the Moon like Neil Armstrong or the eleven other astronauts who have walked on its surface? You can tour the Moon from your own backyard with a small telescope or binoculars. This book will point you to the Sea of Tranquility (the landing spot for Apollo 11) and many other fascinating features you can spot on the Moon's surface. Beginning with the New Moon, as each day passes, an additional slice of the Moon becomes visible. With each new slice comes new craters, lunar seas and jagged mountain ranges. This easy-to-use, illustrated reference book enables everyone, young and old, to better appreciate our nearest neighbour in space.

Discover the story behind Neil Armstrong and the Apollo 11 mission -- written by Nathan Page and illustrated by Drew Shannon. Presenting Who HQ Graphic Novels- an exciting new program from the #1 New York Times Best-Selling Who Was? series that spotlights pivotal moments in historical figures' lives in graphic novel form! From his childhood experiments to his first encounters with flight, explore the steps Neil Armstrong took in order to become the first person to land on the moon. A story of calculated risk, perseverance, and earth-defying reward, this graphic novel invites readers to immerse themselves in the life of the famous astronaut -- brought to life by gripping narrative and vivid full-color illustrations that fly off the page.

Summary of Shoot for the Moon by Richard Wiseman

Neil Armstrong: First Man on the Moon!

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Letters to the First Man from All Mankind

The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon

Who Was Neil Armstrong?

The Man You Never Knew You Knew It’s one of the most powerful and popular images in the history of space exploration: an astronaut in a snow-white spacesuit, untethered and floating alone in an expanse of blue. Bruce McCandless II is the man in that spacesuit, and Wonders All Around: The Incredible True Story of Astronaut Bruce McCandless II and the First Untethered Flight in Space is the thoroughly engrossing, extensively researched story of his inspiring life and groundbreaking accomplishments, as told by his son, a gifted writer and storyteller. Bruce McCandless II, a Navy fighter pilot, joined NASA in 1966. He was Houston’s capsule communicator/the person talking to the astronauts/as Apollo 11’s Neil Armstrong made his giant leap for mankind in 1969. McCandless supported subsequent Apollo flights and developed technology and techniques his fellow astronauts used during the Skylab program, working behind the scenes until he was chosen to ride Challenger into space on the tenth shuttle mission. When he stepped into the cosmos to test the Manned Maneuvering Unit, he became a space flight icon. But the road to that incredible feat was not the sure bet it should have been for such a gifted man. Bruce McCandless II was an astronaut for 24 years, and his story encompasses the development of the space agency itselfthe changes in focus, in personnel, in approach, and in the city of Houston that grew up with it. Wonders All Around is more than a catalogue of McCandless’s extraordinary achievements, which included work on the design, deployment, and repair of the Hubble Space Telescope. It is also a tale of perseverance and devotion. Recounted with insight and humor, this book explores the relationship between a father and a son, men of two very different generations. And finally, it is an exploration of the mindset of one unique individual, and the courage, imagination, and tenacity that propelled him and his country to their place in the forefront of space history. From Wonders All Around: "Bruce McCandless turned his Jeep around and screeched out of the cul-de-sac in front of our house for the ten-minute drive to the space center. The moon, a waxing crescent, was standing thirty degrees above the western horizon, and my father slipped into a sort of reverie as he sped toward it on NASA Road One. The moon floated serene and imperturbable in front of him like a black-and-white photograph of itself, Earth’s gravitational remora, her pale silent sister, movie star and legend, goddess and mirage. Bruce McCandless had just turned thirty-two. He was an engineer, a true son of science, a distant nephew of Sir Isaac Newton. He knew the formulas required for achieving orbital velocity, could tell you the fuel mixtures you needed, the stages and timing of rocket-booster separations. He brushed sentiments away like so many spider webs. But even he was having trouble believing that human beings/his colleagues and friends/were up there in the sky, getting ready to do something no one had ever done before. He was going to be part of it. He would be talking to two men as they walked on the moon. The young astronaut hadn’t quite reached his lifelong goal of touching the lunar surface, but he was close. He was almost there. He could feel it."

You’ve probably heard of Neil Armstrong and his historic moon landing. But other than that part of his life, what else do you know about him? This biography book will discuss the life of Armstrong before he even became an astronaut. Do you share the same qualities as Neil Armstrong? Maybe you’re destined for greatness too!

An introduction to the life of astronaut Neil Armstrong, who was the first man to walk on the moon.

Artfully curated by James R. Hansen, A Reluctant Icon: Letters to Neil Armstrong is a companion volume to Dear Neil Armstrong: Letters to the First Man from All Mankind, collecting hundreds more letters Armstrong received after first stepping on the moon until his death in 2012. Providing context and commentary, Hansen has assembled the letters by the following themes: religion and belief; anger, disappointment, and disillusionment; quacks, conspiracy theorists, and ufologists; fellow astronauts and the world of flight; the corporate world; celebrities, stars, and notables; and last messages. Taken together, both collections provide fascinating insights into the world of an iconic hero who took that first giant leap onto lunar soil willingly and thereby stepped into the public eye with reluctance. Space enthusiasts, historians, and lovers of all things related to flight will not want to miss this book.

A Biography Book for New Readers

One Giant Leap for Mankind

Take a Giant Leap, Neil Armstrong!

"Astronaut Neil Armstrong couldn't be held down by Earth's gravity. As the first person to step foot on the moon, Neil took the US space program to new heights. But before he did that, he had humble boyhood jobs-cutting lawns, cleaning ovens, washing airplanes-and plenty of adventures, including building a wind tunnel in his parents' basement! This playful story shows young readers that not even the sky is the limit for their own dreams."--Publisher's description.

As the world now knows, Barack Obama has made history as our first African-American president. With black-and-white illustrations throughout, this biography is perfect for primary graders looking for a longer, fuller life story than is found in the author's bestselling beginning reader Barack Obama: United States President.