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Carrying the Fire Crown

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

The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon

HarperCollins
A memoir from a schoolteacher of growing up in the heart of the Midwest during the Great Depression describes her close family life on an Iowa farm during a time of endless work and resourcefulness, with no tolerance for idleness or waste.

Apollo 11 and the First Men on the Moon Simon and Schuster
*Includes pictures *Includes quotes *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading "I guess we all like to be recognized not for one piece of fireworks, but for the ledger of our daily work." - Neil Armstrong At 9:32 a.m. on July 16, 1969, time stood still throughout the world, as thousands converged on the Kennedy Space Center and millions tuned in on live television. At that instant, the first rumbles began to shake the ground, as a small spacecraft attached to the giant Saturn V rocket several hundred feet tall started lifting off. Quickly being propelled several thousand miles per hour, it takes just a few minutes to reach a speed of 15,000 miles per hour, and just a few more minutes to enter orbit at 18,000 miles per hour. Apollo 11 was on its way to a historic first landing on the Moon. Apollo 11's trip to the Moon may have started on that day in 1969, but the journey had begun over a decade earlier as part of the Space Race between the United States and the Soviet Union. While landing on the Moon was a noble goal proposed as early as 1961 by President Kennedy, NASA and the nation as a whole moved with urgency simply to best the Soviet Union, which had spent the 1950s beating America to important space-related firsts, including launching the first satellite and cosmonaut in orbit. In fact, President Eisenhower's administration began the design for the Apollo program in 1960 in hopes of getting a head start to the Moon, despite the fact the plans originated a year before the first Russian cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, orbited the Earth and two years before John Glenn did. Over the decade, NASA would spend tens of billions on the Apollo missions, the most expensive peacetime program in American history to that point, and even though Apollo 11 was only one of almost 20 Apollo missions, it was certainly the crown jewel. Only one of nearly 20 Apollo missions conducted by NASA. And to make Apollo 11 a success, it would take nearly a decade of planning by government officials, hard work by NASA scientists, intense training by the astronauts, and several missions preceding Apollo 11. It also cost over \$20 billion, making the Apollo program the most expensive peacetime program in American history at the time. When the Apollo program reached its pinnacle, the man at the center of it was Neil Armstrong, a farm boy and pilot who rose from a hardworking rural home to become the first to set foot on the Moon and utter one of the 20th century's most famous phrases: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong did so through education, first in high school and later at Purdue University, a lot of hard work as a pilot during and after the Korean War, and some luck, coming of age at a moment when the Space Race was in full effect. After reaching the peak of his fame and career at the young age of 40, Armstrong spent the second half of his life as he had the first, working hard and serving his country. In doing so, he serves as one of the best examples of national pride and service that America has ever known. Neil Armstrong: The Life and Legacy of the First Astronaut to Walk on the Moon profiles his life and chronicles the most memorable space mission in history. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Neil Armstrong like never before.

Neil Armstrong : The First Man to Walk on the Moon - Biography for Kids 9-12 | Children's Biography Books Simon and Schuster
Presents a vivid account of a history-making storm that hit the New England coast in October 1991 and the lives it changed, weaving together the history of the fishing industry, the science of storms, and personal accounts. Tour.

The Life of Neil A. Armstrong W. W. Norton & Company

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

Apollo 11 Simon & Schuster

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The Story of Apollo 11 Wayland

Beloved American hero and astronaut Buzz Aldrin reflects on the wisdom, guiding principles, and irreverent anecdotes he's gathered—both in outer space and on earth—through his event-filled life, in this inspiring guide-to-life for the next generation. Everywhere he goes, crowds gather to meet Buzz Aldrin. He is a world-class hero, a larger-than-life figurehead, best known of a generation of astronauts whose achievements surged in just a few years from first man in space to first men on the moon. Now he pauses to reflect and share what he has learned, from the vantage point not only of outer space but also of time: still a non-stop traveler and impassioned advocate for space exploration, Aldrin will be 86 in 2016. No Dream Is Too High whittles down Buzz Aldrin's event-filled life into a short list of principles he values, each illustrated by fascinating anecdotes and memories, such as: · Second comes right after first. NASA protocol should have meant he was first on the moon, but rules changed just before the mission. How he learned to be proud of being the second man on the moon. · Look for opportunities, not obstacles. Buzz was rejected the first time he applied to be an astronaut. Failure is an opportunity to learn to do better. · Always maintain your spirit of adventure. For his 80th birthday, Buzz went diving in the Galapagos and hitched a ride on a whale shark. He stays fit, energetic, and fascinated with life. No Dream Is Too High is a beautiful memento, a thought-provoking set of ideas, and a new opportunity for Buzz Aldrin to connect with the masses of people who recognize his unique place in human history.

The First Men on the Moon Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The definitive biography of Alan Shepard, America's first man in space, with a new Foreword by Chris Kraft "One of the finest books ever written about the space program."—Homer Hicken, author of *Rocket Boys* "A wonderful and gripping biography . . . meticulously reported in the best tradition of David Halberstam."—Buzz Bissinger, New York Times bestselling author of *Friday Night Lights* Alan Shepard was the brashest, cockiest, and most flamboyant of America's original Mercury Seven, but he was also regarded as the best. Intense, colorful, and dramatic, he was among the most private of America's public figures and, until his death in 1998, he guarded the story of his life zealously. *Light This Candle*, based on Neal Thompson's exclusive access to private papers and interviews with Shepard's family and closest friends—including John Glenn, Wally Schirra, and Gordon Cooper—offers a riveting, action-packed account of Shepard's life. *The Life of Neil A. Armstrong* Vintage

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.

The Inside Story Enslow Pub Incorporated

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The riveting inside story of three heroic astronauts who took on the challenge of mankind's historic first mission to the Moon, from the bestselling author of *Shadow*

Divers. "Robert Kurson tells the tale of Apollo 8 with novelistic detail and immediacy."—Andy Weir, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Martian* and *Artemis* By August 1968, the American space program was in danger of failing in its two most important objectives: to land a man on the Moon by President Kennedy's end-of-decade deadline, and to triumph over the Soviets in space. With its back against the wall, NASA made an almost unimaginable leap: It would scrap its usual methodical approach and risk everything on a sudden launch, sending the first men in history to the Moon—in just four months. And it would all happen at Christmas. In a year of historic violence and discord—the Tet Offensive, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy, the riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago—the Apollo 8 mission would be the boldest, riskiest test of America's greatness under pressure. In this gripping insider account, Robert Kurson puts the focus on the three astronauts and their families: the commander, Frank Borman, a conflicted man on his final mission; idealistic Jim Lovell, who'd dreamed since boyhood of riding a rocket to the Moon; and Bill Anders, a young nuclear engineer and hotshot fighter pilot making his first space flight. Drawn from hundreds of hours of one-on-one interviews with the astronauts, their loved ones, NASA personnel, and myriad experts, and filled with vivid and unforgettable detail, *Rocket Men* is the definitive account of one of America's finest hours. In this real-life thriller, Kurson reveals the epic dangers involved, and the singular bravery it took, for mankind to leave Earth for the first time—and arrive at a new world. "Rocket Men is a riveting introduction to the [Apollo 8] flight. . . . Kurson details the mission in crisp, suspenseful scenes. . . . [A] gripping book."—The New York Times Book Review

Rocket Men Purdue University Press

Camus tells the story of Jacques Cormery, a boy who lived a life much like his own. Camus summons up the sights, sounds and textures of a childhood circumscribed by poverty and a father's death yet redeemed by the austere beauty of Algeria and the boy's attachment to his nearly deaf-mute mother. Published thirty-five years after its discovery amid the wreckage of the car accident that killed Camus, *The First Man* is the brilliant consummation of the life and work of one of the 20th century's greatest novelists. Translated from the French by David Hapgood. "The First Man is perhaps the most honest book Camus ever wrote, and the most sensual...Camus is...writing at the depth of his powers...It is a work of genius."—The New Yorker "Fascinating...The First Man helps put all of Camus's work into a clearer perspective and brings into relief what separates him from the more militant literary personalities of his day...Camus's voice has never been more personal."—New York Times Book Review **Letters to the First Man from All Mankind** Penguin Books India A portrait of the first post-operative female-to-male, Michael Dillon, describes how Laura Dillon felt like a man trapped in a woman's body, her efforts to feel comfortable in her own skin, her experimentation with medical technologies and procedures that would revolutionize medicine, and her life following surgery, in a story that captures the struggles of early transsexuals. Reprint.

First Man Time Home Entertainment

When the boy from Ohio was growing up he became obsessed with flight—he piloted a plane before he drove a car. He raptly followed the exploits of Chuck Yeager in the Bell X-1, and wondered if he himself might have the right stuff one day. As he saw the Mercury 7 astronauts assembled, he lamented that he had been born a generation too late for the great adventure into outer space. But Neil Armstrong's chance would come. His colleagues in the Gemini and Apollo programs wondered at his preternatural calm as he piloted through near-death experiences, and then, finally, in 1969, the Eagle landed, and Armstrong took "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." He was instantly declared an American hero, but was he one? The good news, as thrillingly documented in the pages of this commemorative LIFE tribute, is that Armstrong was exemplary in many ways. From the boyhood years to the life-changing-and world-changing-accomplishment, Armstrong stayed true to his course, and did thereafter until his death in August 2012 at age 82. All of it is here: LIFE's coverage of the space race, the family photos from Ohio, the tick-tock coverage of Apollo 11, the retreat into the peace and quiet-and family life-that always mattered to Neil Armstrong. When he was younger, Armstrong gazed at the astronauts in the pages of LIFE. And now, his story is told there once more-in full.

A Life of Flight First ManThe Life of Neil A. Armstrong

"This remarkable account of the 1961 race into space is a thrilling piece of storytelling. . . . It is high definition history: tight, thrilling and beautifully researched."—The Times, London, Front Page Lead Review "Beyond has the exhilaration of a fine thriller, but it

is vividly embedded in the historic tensions of the Cold War, and peopled by men and women brought sympathetically, and sometimes tragically, to life.”—Colin Thubron, author of *Shadow of the Silk Road* 09.07 am. April 12, 1961. A top secret rocket site in the USSR. A young Russian sits inside a tiny capsule on top of the Soviet Union’s most powerful intercontinental ballistic missile—originally designed to carry a nuclear warhead—and blasts into the skies. His name is Yuri Gagarin. And he is about to make history. Travelling at almost 18,000 miles per hour—ten times faster than a rifle bullet—Gagarin circles the globe in just 106 minutes. From his windows he sees the earth as nobody has before, crossing a sunset and a sunrise, crossing oceans and continents, witnessing its beauty and its fragility. While his launch begins in total secrecy, within hours of his landing he has become a world celebrity – the first human to leave the planet. Beyond tells the thrilling story behind that epic flight on its 60th anniversary. It happened at the height of the Cold War as the US and USSR confronted each other across an Iron Curtain. Both superpowers took enormous risks to get a man into space first, the Americans in the full glare of the media, the Soviets under deep cover. Both trained their teams of astronauts to the edges of the endurable. In the end the race between them would come down to the wire. Drawing on extensive original research and the vivid testimony of eyewitnesses, many of whom have never spoken before, Stephen Walker unpacks secrets that were hidden for decades and takes the reader into the drama of one of humanity’s greatest adventures – to the scientists, engineers and political leaders on both sides, and above all to the American astronauts and their Soviet rivals battling for supremacy in the heavens.

The Life of Neil A. Armstrong Bantam

Marking the forty-fifth anniversary of Apollo 11’s moon landing, *First Man* by James Hansen offers the only authorized glimpse into the life of America’s most famous astronaut, Neil Armstrong—the man whose “one small step” changed history. “The Eagle has landed.” When Apollo 11 touched down on the moon’s surface in 1969, the first man on the moon became a legend. In *First Man*, 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. Upon his return

to earth, Armstrong was honored and celebrated for his monumental achievement. He was also—as James R. Hansen reveals in this fascinating and important biography—misunderstood. Armstrong’s accomplishments as engineer, test pilot, and astronaut have long been a matter of record, but Hansen’s unprecedented access to private documents and unpublished sources and his interviews with more than 125 subjects (including more than fifty hours with Armstrong himself) yield this first in-depth analysis of an elusive American celebrity still renowned the world over. In a riveting narrative 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 transatmospheric flights in the rocket-powered X-15 to his piloting Gemini VIII to the first-ever docking in space. These milestones made it seem, as Armstrong’s mother Viola memorably put it, “as if from the very moment he was born—farther back still—that our son was somehow destined for the Apollo 11 mission.” 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 forty-five years since the Moon landing, rumors have swirled around Armstrong concerning his dreams of space travel, his religious beliefs, and his private life. In a penetrating exploration of American hero worship, Hansen addresses the complex legacy of the First Man, as an astronaut and as an individual. In *First Man*, the personal, technological, epic, and iconic blend to form the portrait of a great but reluctant hero who will forever be known as history’s most famous space traveler.

A True Story of Men Against the Sea Random House

No one is born a leader, but through sheer determination and by confronting life’s challenges, Ant Middleton has come to know the meaning of true leadership. In *First Man In*, he shares the core lessons he’s learned over the course of his life. After 13 years’ service in the military, with 4 years as a Special Boat Service (SBS) sniper, Ant Middleton is the epitome of what it takes to excel. He served in the SBS, the naval wing of the special forces, the Royal Marines and 9 Parachute Squadron Royal, achieving what is known as the Holy Trinity of the UK’s Elite Forces. In this revealing book, Ant speaks about the highs and gut-wrenching lows of his life and draws valuable lessons that we can all use in our daily lives

Who Was Neil Armstrong? Icon Books

Throw out the rules. Let the sparks fly. And pray for a happily ever

after. . . Adam Edwards drifts in the wide world, searching for his next adventure. When his journey around the globe brings him to America he finds a love he never expects and a loss he can’t endure. Ember Pierson is 18 and counting down the days until graduation frees her from small town life. Everything changes when Adam rolls into town and takes a job teaching high school English, and Ember hatches a plan. . .

Neil Armstrong: The Life and Legacy of the First Astronaut to Walk on the Moon HarperCollins

A gripping illustrated account of the historic first moon landings in July 1969, celebrating the 50th anniversary of this milestone in space exploration Pacey, accessible text recounts the story of the first moon landing, from its beginnings in the Space Race, to early missions, the successful Apollo 11 voyage, Armstrong’s legendary first steps on the moon and the astronauts’ heart-stopping return to Earth Fully illustrated throughout, with fresh, modern artwork breathing new life into this famous story. Perfect for readers aged 8 and up.

The First Man in Rome Springer Science & Business Media

First Man on the Moon: His Life and Legacy “That’s one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” When Neil Armstrong placed his booted foot on the lunar surface, he took what was already conceived as a transcendent moment in a tumultuous time and, unbelievably, he elevated it. He wasn’t just an astronaut, and it wasn’t just about science, the space race with the Russians, or any other one thing. It was about possibility, and joy. Neil Armstrong, the new special edition from the editors of LIFE, tells the story of a legendary pilot that risked everything, alongside a brave team of astronauts and NASA engineers, to achieve the impossible. You’ll learn all about the space race, and how Houston’s finest made good on President John F. Kennedy’s promise to reach the moon by the end of the 1960s. About the immense sacrifices—both in time spent and lives lost—the number of missions, and the number of failures before the ultimate success of the Apollo 11 landing. Plus: TIME senior writer Jeffrey Kluger stops by to regale us with a tale of the time he spent with Armstrong, and we take a peek behind the curtain at the new Oscar-nominated film based on the American hero’s life, *First Man*. LIFE’s Neil Armstrong is a must-have for the adventurer in your life, and a totemic reminder that when we put our minds to it, anything is possible.

First Man Life

*First Man*The Life of Neil A. Armstrong Simon and Schuster