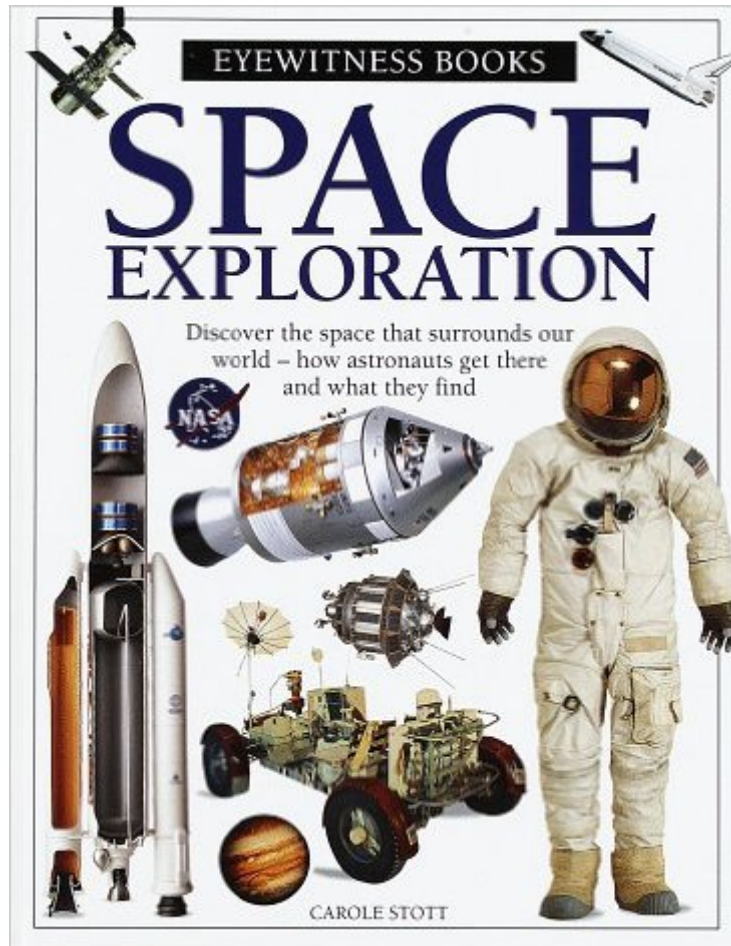


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Since President Bush declared his intention to have the United States go back to the Moon, establish a permanent base, and go to Mars, space exploration is in the news again. When I first started going to school my father was stationed in Florida and we would get out of class to go outside and watch the Mercury flights take off, so I remember when space exploration was an exciting idea and when the entire planet watched the first landing on the moon. But then I also remember when we stopped going to the moon and the only time we really paid attention to space missions was when a shuttle was destroyed. This volume on "Space Exploration" for the Eyewitness Books series covers the entire history of these efforts, going back to the dreams of space from ancient sky watching to the speculative writings of science fiction. After explaining what is "space," Carole Stott establishes the idea of people from around the world being involved in the exploration of space, symbolized by Apollo 18 docked to Soyuz 19. The historical survey begins with the first

rocket scientists, the idea of the reusable rocket, and the space race, with its early space travelers, and the landing of humans on the moon. The next major section talks about how to become an astronaut, what they wear, how they live and work in space. Sections are devoted to the danger and disasters of space exploration, space stations, and the various satellites and probes that have been sent off into space. The final units look at the future in space, how space technology has been used on Earth, and what lies ahead. Of course, that last bit needs to be updated now, but you have to expect new plans would pop up for the 21st century.

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