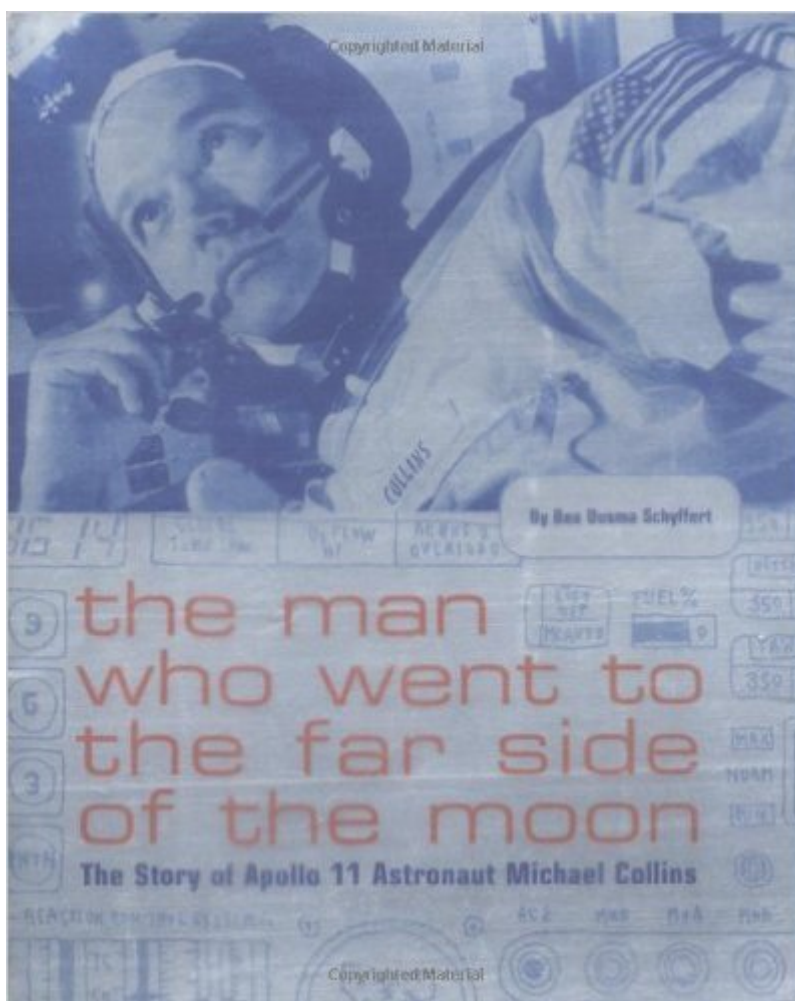


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# The Man Who Went To The Far Side Of The Moon: The Story Of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins



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Do you know the story of Michael Collins, the Apollo 11 astronaut who went all the way to the moon but never walked on its surface? Instead, he orbited the moon 14 times, surrounded by 701 power switches and 20 pounds of checklists. Reminiscent of a scrapbook, this extraordinary book chronicles what Michael Collins did, saw, and thought about in space. Through fascinating facts, quotes, checklists, original drawings, and photos taken both in space and on Earth, it also tells how the astronauts prepared for their historic journey, what they brought with them, and what they left behind.

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I'm always stopping into my daughter's elementary school library to help reshelv books. I saw this newly published book on display and took a look at it. I'm an avid space fan and just couldn't resist the catchy title and the very unique shiny cover. It caught my interest right away, so I took it home for a longer look. Well, even though it's a 9 - 12 year old reading level book... I was fascinated by it. There were some very interesting facts that I never knew about the Apollo 11 mission. There are even facts about the following Apollo missions. The facts are presented in very fun and easy to read

charts. The pictures are very personal and different from any I'd seen before. There are also several pages of Michael Collins own handwritten journal notes, which I'd never seen before. I'd say this book is a MUST HAVE for any space fan, no matter what their age and a definite winner for any 9 - 12 year old future space explorers. I like the book so much that I'm (...) buying three copies today!

At the time of the moon landing, Jean Shepherd pointed out that that Michael Collins was flying the equivalent of three 747's around the Moon ..all by himself..alone... and out of contact with Earth when he went to the "Dark Side". That's a great pilot!

A lovely, haunting book that doesn't talk down to young readers. Photographs, sketches, diary entries, facts, and bits of trivia tell the story of the first successful trip to the moon, and in particular relay the thoughts of the man who orbited the moon while his soon to be superstar counterparts walked on the surface. Recommended for science enthusiasts age nine or ten and up.

A wonderful and very charming little book for all ages between 4 and 104!

Did not read this book. Gave it to a friend who had young child. Should have checked that it was for younger readers.

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