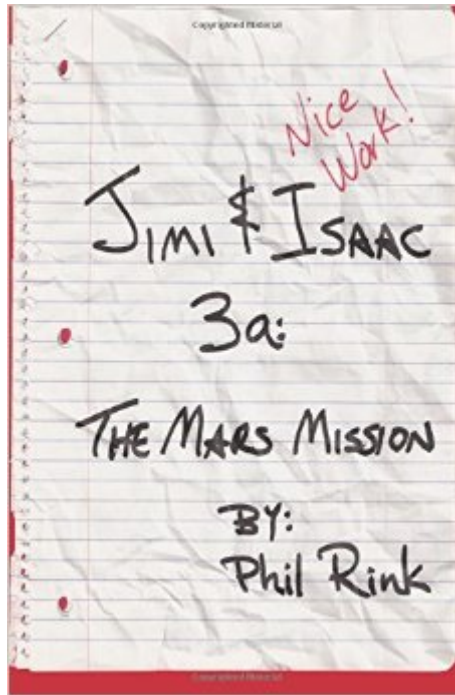


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# Jimi & Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission



## Synopsis

Jimi and Isaac are rock stars. They're also epic heroes, intellectuals, soccer players, loving sons, and students in awe of Lipstick, their science teacher. They are wise and foolish, sublime and earthy. They are middle school boys. Introverted Jimi and brilliant but obnoxious Isaac pester their billionaire buddy Ash Berg into letting them "jazz up" his space expedition. Ash plays along, knowing they will fail and learn from their failure. Isaac prefers to make a limited but credible effort and claim a limited but credible victory. Jimi wants more - but good help is hard to find. BOOK

REPORTâ œJimi and Isaac 3a: The Mars Missionâ • is a book whereby my supposedly best friend Jimi Peterson tells about how he built a space probe that flew to Mars. The whole thing was bought and paid for by the very rich Ash Berg. The book is about us while we're in middle school, but it ends on the first day of high school. It's mostly about how great Jimi is. Other than the obvious errors that Jimi made like he somehow forgot that the whole thing was my idea, this is a pretty good book for kids to read because there isn't any nudity or sexual pornography. If I didn't know about the lying about me part I would like the book because there's a lot of science and thinking involved, and a lot of stuff happens that is mostly pretty real except the part about me. -Isaac Farmer

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## Customer Reviews

As a 6th grade science teacher I am always looking for ways to teach scientific inquiry, but it is often

a skill and topic that is hard to explain to middle-school students. Jim and Isaac: The Mars Mission does a nice job of modeling the scientific process and creative inquiry through an entertaining narrative. It has humor that would make my 6th graders laugh, and it has many points for class discussion. I liked how it showed an ordinary young kid aiming high, experiencing setbacks, but also demonstrating how resiliency can pay off. Furthermore, it shows that scientific inquiry is often messy and not completely linear. The main character, Jimi, goes through many attempts to create his Mars probe with trials and tribulations. He often needs to backtrack and rework ideas which is a skill I want my students to learn. I think author Phil Rink does an excellent job of making scientific inquiry more accessible to young kids. We have started working on science fair projects this year, and it has been hard to get my students to think big. I think a class reading of Phil Rink's book can get them to start thinking like scientists.

I ordered this book for my nephew for Christmas and he LOVED it. I think it is great that we have encouraged our girls to be scientists, but we have forgotten our boys sometimes in the process!! I went to high school with Phil, and I know how smart he is because he helped me in chemistry class!(I am a girl) ! BUT REALLY this book is great, and I also bought another of his books for my other nephew and he loved it as well, and now it will a tradition with me to keep sending these books for birthdays and Christmas to my nephews so PHIL YOU BETTER KEEP WRITING! We need to get our kids interested in math and science! It will be the saving grace for Americans, as it has always been! Thanks PHIL for taking the time to invest in our kids futures!

This book is great!!! the jimmi and issac are so like me and my friends who all like the book of course this book is way better than the ones at my school

Jimi & Isaac 3a: The Mars MissionÂ I found myself laughing out loud at the antics of Jimi and Isaac, two boys that you sometimes have to wonder why they are even friends. Yet, as friends, they come to an understanding about what makes their friendship tick.Mr. Rink has put together a story for intermediate age readers that puts together boys, science, humor, and intelligence, which means it is equal parts entertaining to anyone who reads this story. A story that can bring out the best in a literature circle for those interested in science and science fairs.If you are looking for a book for a boy who is a reluctant reader, try out Jimi and Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission. A sure hit!

Space: the final frontierJimi: the 6th grader who built a probe to go to MarsHow cool is that? Jimi is

an aspiring saxophone player, who doesn't do very well in Spanish, enjoys his soccer team, and dabbles in rocket science. Hey, we all need hobbies, right? Almost as a joke, Jimi and his friend Issac take on a project to build something that would make space programs "less boring." With a fistful of cash and no idea where to start, the boys are going to Mars. Showing a great deal of teamwork, perseverance, humility, and forgiveness, Jimi builds a basic plan for a Mars probe. This is a great book for any young reader to dive into; Jimi has characteristics I wish many children had these days: respect for his parents, intelligence, inquisitiveness, determination, and dedication. There are a few places in the book where you chuckle a bit, but the majority of the story is based on the trials Jimi had to go through in order to reach a goal that many thought was unattainable by a young child. Never give up on dreams no matter how impossible they may seem.

What a incredible read! I was very pleasantly surprised. After having dragged my kids to Space Shuttle launches, and finding all kinds of ways to make science fun, it is amazing to find it all so entertainingly written in a book that I know my second grader will just eat up! My 7 yo son has been having me read all the A to Z mystery books that he gets and any other book he brings home so we can discuss it. I have also been leveling over 1000 books for his school. I have seen more children's and young adult books in the last few months than I have in my whole life, and Rink's The Mars Mission is one of the best of all. After I was done, I had to find Solar Powered and stayed up late to finish it in one sitting as well. It lived up to my expectations as a second in a series. I think Rink is onto something here and I certainly hope he continues! It will be hard steps to follow, but I think they are great reads for kids! (and I found them engaging to read as a adult with an advance science degree).

This book is a high third grade reading level, according to the author, but it is enjoyable for both children and adults. Jimi and Isaac are challenged, in this book, to build a real Mars Probe complete with the ability to take pictures and transmit them back to Earth to be viewed. Isaac gives up early in the game, but Jimi trudges on because of all the adults that are counting on him to finish what they think is a model of a probe and not a real one. The characters go through 7th, 8th and the beginning of 9th grade through this book, so their intelligence is at that level, but the way that they speak can be understood by children years under them. It is a fantastic read, and I recommend it highly for any parent that wants their children to read something more intellectual and stimulating. And fun.

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