

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SPACE RACE

Alberto Martos

From Sputnik to Apollo 11, this book traces the thrilling history of the great 20th century technological push that culminated in the landing of man on the Moon and of how a secret arms race between the two superpowers during the Cold War was the true impetus for reaching space.

Synopsis

From the study of the stars and the physical laws of the universe to real space explorations, A Brief History of the Space Race offers a historical overview of astronautics and of the numerous attempts by man to get to know what lay beyond Earth's frontiers.

This book re-examines the scientific contributions of Tsiolkovsky, Oberth, Goddard, Einstein, and Hohmann and even describes how Hohmann found a simple path for travelling to other planets well before spaceships were invented.

In addition to these concepts, the author outlines with great precision how, in the years after World War II, an arms buildup rivalry between the Soviet Union and the United States was what fueled the space race, in which Sputnik represented the starter's gun and the Moon symbolized the finish line.

Biography

Alberto Martos (Madrid, 1942) is a technical engineer in telecommunications who has worked 15 years as a systems engineer in the NASA Space Station for flight crews located in Madrid (Fresnedillas).

Additionally he has worked for approximately 22 years in the utilization of space satellites at the European Space Agency's Villafranca Space Station in Spain. He has received the ex aequo first prize from the magazine Tribuna de Astronomía, the Pléyades Award for popular reading by the Madrid Astronomic Association, and distinctions from INTA (Instituto Nacional de Técnica Aeroespacial) for his contributions to the work of INSA (Ingeniería y Servicios Aeroespaciales S. A.).

Sales Pitch

ANNIVERSARY: This year we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first man to land on the Moon.

DEMYTHOLOGIZES THE SPACE RACE: The author attempts to demythologize this important period of history by examining the true economic and military motivations behind man's push to land on the Moon.

AUTHOR: Alberto Martos is an expert on the subject, having worked as a Systems Engineer for the Space Station in Fresnedillas (Madrid), which is part of the NASA network.

REJECTS CONSPIRACY ARGUMENTS: Employing solid and easy to understand arguments, the author picks apart the chief conspiracy theory that contends that man never landed on the Moon.

GLOSSARY: The book includes a glossary that explains all the technical jargon used in the world of space technology.

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