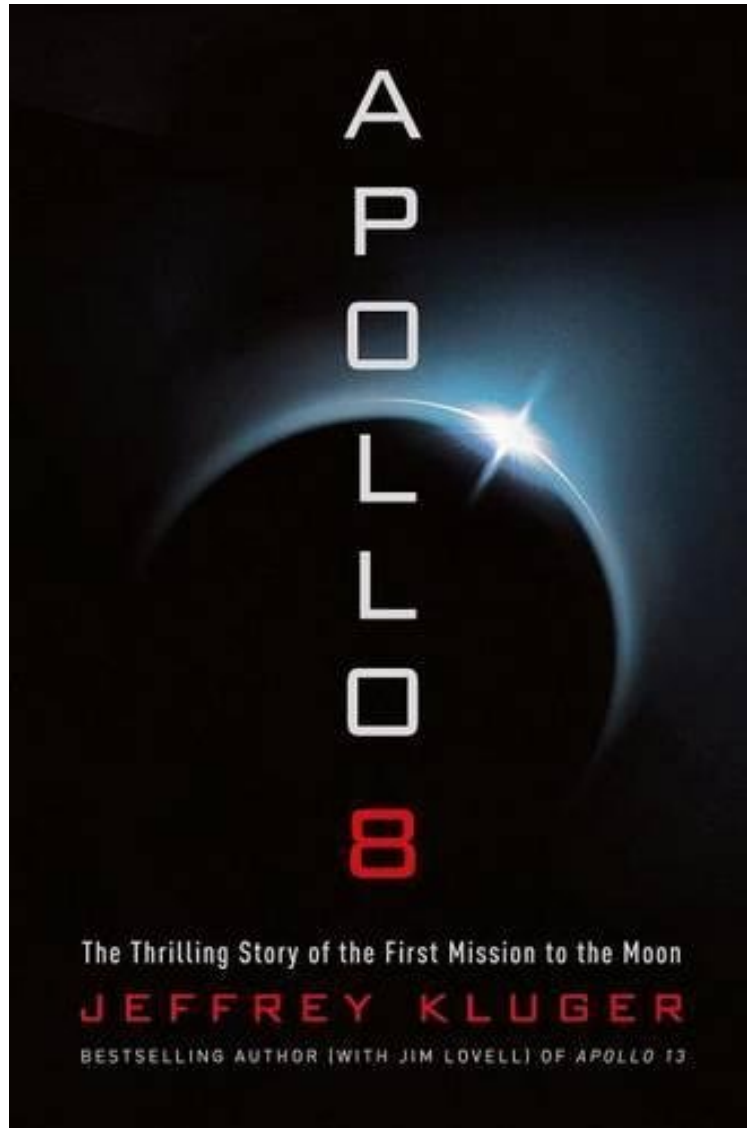


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By JCM

Jeffrey Kruger's Apollo 8 is a must read for any one interested in America's space program and the daring flight to and around the moon. Kruger's story is thorough and enlightening. He uses a modicum of space jargon and capture the individual and collective perform and of Borman, Lovell, and Anders. Fast paced and difficult to put down. It truly is an inspirational tale of the first men to venture into orbit around the moon.

The untold story of the historic voyage to the moon that closed out one of our darkest years with a nearly unimaginable triumph

In August 1968, NASA made a bold decision: in just sixteen weeks, the United States would launch humankind's first flight to the moon. Only the year before, three astronauts had burned to death in their spacecraft, and since then the Apollo program had suffered one setback after another. Meanwhile, the Russians were winning the space race, the Cold War was getting hotter by the month, and President Kennedy's promise to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade seemed sure to be broken. But when Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and Bill Anders were summoned to a secret meeting and told of the dangerous mission, they instantly signed on.

Written with all the color and verve of the best narrative non-fiction, Apollo 8 takes us from Mission Control to the astronauts' homes, from the test labs to the launch pad. The race to prepare an untested rocket for an unprecedented journey paves the way for the hair-raising trip to the moon. Then, on Christmas Eve, a nation that has suffered a horrendous year of assassinations and war is heartened by an inspiring message from the trio of astronauts in lunar orbit. And when the mission is over after the first view of the far side of the moon, the first earth-rise, and the first re-entry through the earth's atmosphere following a flight to deep space, the impossible dream of walking on the moon suddenly seems within reach. The full story of Apollo 8 has never been told, and only Jeffrey Kluger and Jim Lovell's co-author on their bestselling book about Apollo 13 can do it justice. Here is the tale of a mission that was both a calculated risk and a wild crash, a stirring account of how three American heroes forever changed our view of the home planet.

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An Best Book of May 2017: Its hard to believe that its been almost 50 years since NASAs Apollo program first landed a man on the moon. Since passing decades tend to filter out everything save the highlights, that epic effort has been boiled down to a couple of missions: Apollo 11's triumphant landing, and the near calamity of Apollo 13, which we might not remember were it not for Tom Hanks and Ron Howard. Lost is all (or most) of the daring preamble, when the United States and the Soviet Union repeatedly swapped positions in the Space Race, recklessly shooting manned aluminum cans - packed with all the computing power of a scientific calculator - into orbit. You wont have to be a rocket scientist to enjoy Jeffrey Klugers Apollo 8 (though its pure candy for aficionados). Kluger - who previously documented the Apollo 13 crisis with Commander Jim Lovell, also the pilot aboard Apollo 8 recounts the first manned mission to orbit the moon, marrying technological and historical perspectives with eyewitness accounts to spin a brisk, thrilling, and informative tale. Kluger writes, The Saturn V engines had only one speed, which was full speed. So does this book. --Jon Foro, The Book

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"Compelling.... An engaging tale, delving into the nooks and crannies of physics, space politics, and human dynamics.....Kluger ably resurrects the drama of half a century ago." Christian Science Monitor

"Kluger has a knack for telling these stories of humans, machines and the cosmos in an engaging, cinematic manner.... Apollo 8 is a worthy addition to the space history catalog.... Kluger excels at recounting missions, seamlessly blending procedures with descriptions of what the astronauts saw and felt." Dallas Morning News

"Relying on extensive interviews with all three NASA astronauts and former NASA officials, agency documents and the mission audio archive, the author paints an unforgettable picture of the dramatic, wildly successful lunar mission.... [Kluger] informs us in vivid, crisply written prose exactly how the United States recovered from its despairing doldrums and regained national pride.... Revealing and alive, Apollo 8 is a wonderful, fascinating read." Tampa Bay Times

"An emotion-filled, inspiring retelling of a remarkable achievement.... Kluger superbly recounts this

epic event. He stays close to the facts and, in easy-to-understand explanations, delves into the physics, politics and human dynamics of this space venture.... Primary resources add a key dimension to the thrill and the authenticity of the story."The Missourian In spare yet vivid prose, Kluger captures the nostalgia and excitement of a space-drunk nation in this gripping account of the first lunar mission. Kluger's laudable storytelling novelistically conveys the charged politics of the era. Readers will relish Kluger's multisensory prose, and the whole gamut of space flight comes alive in the details. Publishers Weekly (starred review)"Compelling.... The Apollo 8 mission [was] at least as audacious as anything NASA has done before or since.... A detailed, and entertaining, account." The Space "There is plenty of Apollo information and narrative out there for the interested reader, but it needs the discerning eye of a Kluger, who knows how to sift through it all to the essential detail and tell it accessibly. His style never underplays the spectacle and achievement of the moon shots, but he laces his descriptions with reminders that the endeavour was delivered by human ingenuity, labour and passion."NewScientist.com The lead-up to the mission -- the selection of astronauts, the testing of equipment, the training -- is just as compelling as the flight itself. Comprehensively detailed, and written with the sure hand of someone who knows his material inside and out, the book is guaranteed to be a hit with armchair astronauts, space-program veterans, and all readers in between. Booklist An enjoyable retelling of one of the momentous American achievements that made moon landing possible. Kirkus s"Readers will enjoy the vicarious thrill of that flight to the Moon in the stellar company of Borman, Anders and Lovell."Nature "Kluger paints a detailed picture of a dangerous journey. His access to NASA mission transcripts proves particularly useful in bringing the reader inside the capsule. On the ground, Kluger expertly captures the intensity of the flight controllers and the anxiety of the astronauts' families watching from suburban Houston. For a book about science and exploration, there's plenty of emotion."BookPage Online "No matter how many times you return to the Apollo missions, you never exhaust their thrilling seat-of-your-pants suspense. But here, in the superbly capable hands of Jeffrey Kluger, the little known story of Apollo 8 bursts vividly to life. I couldn't put it down." Ken Burns, Director of more than two dozen films, including The Civil War, Baseball and Jackie Robinson Drawing on historical transcripts and documents and his own extensive interviews with the leading players, Jeffrey Kluger paints a portrait of the U.S. space program and the first manned expedition to the moon so vivid that we feel ourselves riding in the hurtling rocket with the astronauts, taut with the thrill, the danger, and the cosmic meaning of the mission. Apollo 8 is storytelling at its best. Alan Lightman, MIT professor of humanities, and best-selling author of The Accidental Universe This irresistible tale is full of rocketry and space science, all of it elegantly explained, but it's the extraordinary cast of characters that remains with you, as human as they are heroic and each portrayed with wit and empathy by a master story-teller. Geoffrey C. Ward, author of A First-Class Temperament "It was refreshing to read about my friends Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders and follow their record setting trip to the moon. Jeffrey has got it all exactly straight and I enjoyed reading it very much. Michael Collins, Command Module Pilot, Apollo 11 "One of our greatest accomplishments people truly leaving our planet for the first time finally gets its due. Jeffrey Kluger colorfully captures the time, the people, and the mission of Apollo 8 with an entertaining and informative account of the stories of this historic adventure. This book let me relive my little boy inspiration to explore space." Mike Massimino, shuttle astronaut and best-selling author of Spaceman About the Author Jeffrey Kluger is the author of several books, including Apollo 13 (originally published as Lost Moon) and The Sibling Effect. As a science editor and senior writer for Time for more than two decades, he has written more than forty cover stories for the magazine. He lives in New York City.