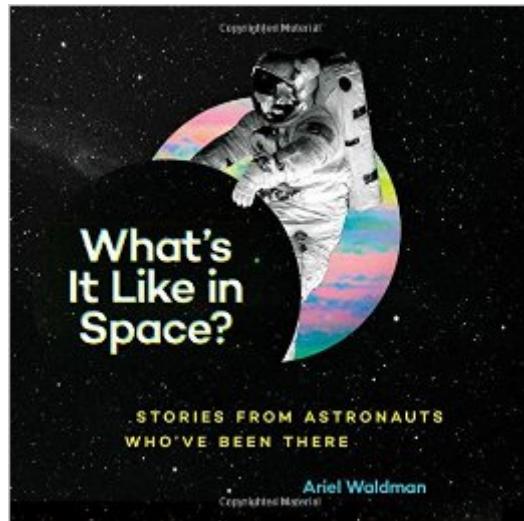


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# What's It Like In Space?: Stories From Astronauts Who've Been There



## Synopsis

Everyone wonders what it's really like in space, but very few of us have ever had the chance to experience it firsthand. This captivating illustrated collection brings together stories from dozens of international astronauts—“men and women who've actually been there” who have returned with accounts of the sometimes weird, often funny, and awe-inspiring sensations and realities of being in space. With playful artwork accompanying each, here are the real stories behind backwards dreams, “moon face,” the tricks of sleeping in zero gravity and aiming your sneeze during a spacewalk, the importance of packing hot sauce, and dozens of other cosmic quirks and amazements that come with travel in and beyond low Earth orbit.

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Disappointing in that most of the book is graphics, not good explanations or scientific details. Too often the author uses vague descriptions and astronaut comments which are not explained to my satisfaction.. I was expecting more rigor, but it reads like a comic book, and takes about that long to read.,.

This book was a lot of fun. It's a quick read, and a bit silly in places--but those of those are features, rather than bugs. It would make a great gift for any space fan of almost any age; I've shared it with kids and teenagers, and they've enjoyed it just as much as I did as a professional working in the aerospace industry. Relevant to one of the other comments left here, you should know what you are getting into before buying this book. It's not a full length. 75,000 word tome: it's a small book (about

the size of a music CD case, I'd guess) that's beautiful to look at and full of intriguing and fun facts about the human experience of being an astronaut in space. If that's what you are looking for, you'll be very satisfied with your purchase. Ms. Waldman is a great story teller with an excellent eye for graphic design, and it shows in this book.

Space geeks... or wannabes, this book is for YOU! I really love the stories and the fun space art illustrations [I want page 086 as a poster for my office]. I've worked at NASA over 30 years and heard many astronaut stories, but Ariel tells stories I haven't heard before. I loved Don Pettit's luminous dancing fairies, Sandy Magnus' cloud and earth art, and ESA astronaut Alexander Gerst's orange glowing Space Station over Africa. Ariel, thanks for putting these treasures together in a book. Now I have a new go-to space gift for colleagues and friends. I hope one day, as you point out, spaceflight stories won't need to be in a book because it will be as ordinary as traveling by plane.

All you ever wanted to know about going to space, but didn't have anyone to ask. I loved this book and plan to give it to the young people (of all ages) in my family, to inspire them to always remain curious, daring, and adventurous. And that our planet is a beautiful thing worth protecting.

Fascinating facts that appeal to children, adults, friends, students and medical patients. Good conversation starter info. I loved it and everyone I know who has read it finds it interesting and fun. Author has done an A-1 job with the subject

It is a really fun little book that has lots of conversation fodder about the quirks we humans find when living in space. As a space nerd, it was right up my ally. I'd find it at home on a coffee table for adults or youth library alike.

You can definitely judge this book by the cover: lighthearted and fun while exploring deep topics from a knowledgeable perspective. I've read a number of books about space and thought I'd heard it all--not true! This book is filled with unique anecdotes and fun stories that give a very personal glimpse into the life of astronauts. No individual entry is too long and they can be read in series or randomly. I highly recommend this book for both adults and kids! It now sits in our living room as a treat for anyone that happens across it at our house.

This is a quick read that is full of fun and fascinating facts about space travel. Ariel does a great job of bringing together a great collection of insights and experiences from the small group of men and women that have had the privilege of being there.

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