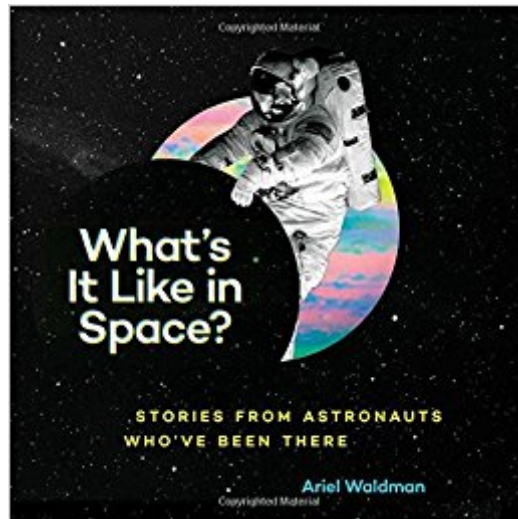


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What's It Like In Space?: Stories From Astronauts Who've Been There



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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.

This is not a science book. This is a conversation starter. It's a coffee table book. It's full of questions you would be afraid to ask an astronaut because it might sound too unscientific. This book is an easy read, so pace yourself. Don't digest it all at one time. This book is one you would pass around and share with others. Or you could just suggest that someone buy their own copy. Most importantly, this book is fun.

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.

Great read but a lot shorter than I thought it would be. Just a lot of little blurbs; wish it were longer stories! Still interesting though.

This book is so much fun! It is full of fascinating facts and tidbits of the details of the lives of astronauts. Both kids and adults will enjoy it. I've even read bits of it out loud to friends and family. And it's really nicely designed as well. It would make a great gift.

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.

Delightful and unexpected snippets from humans who have actually experienced the overview effect and pinpoint stars beyond the atmosphere and much smaller, should-be-mundane details that are remarkable in space. The small, square format and glittering stars cover complete the effect.

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