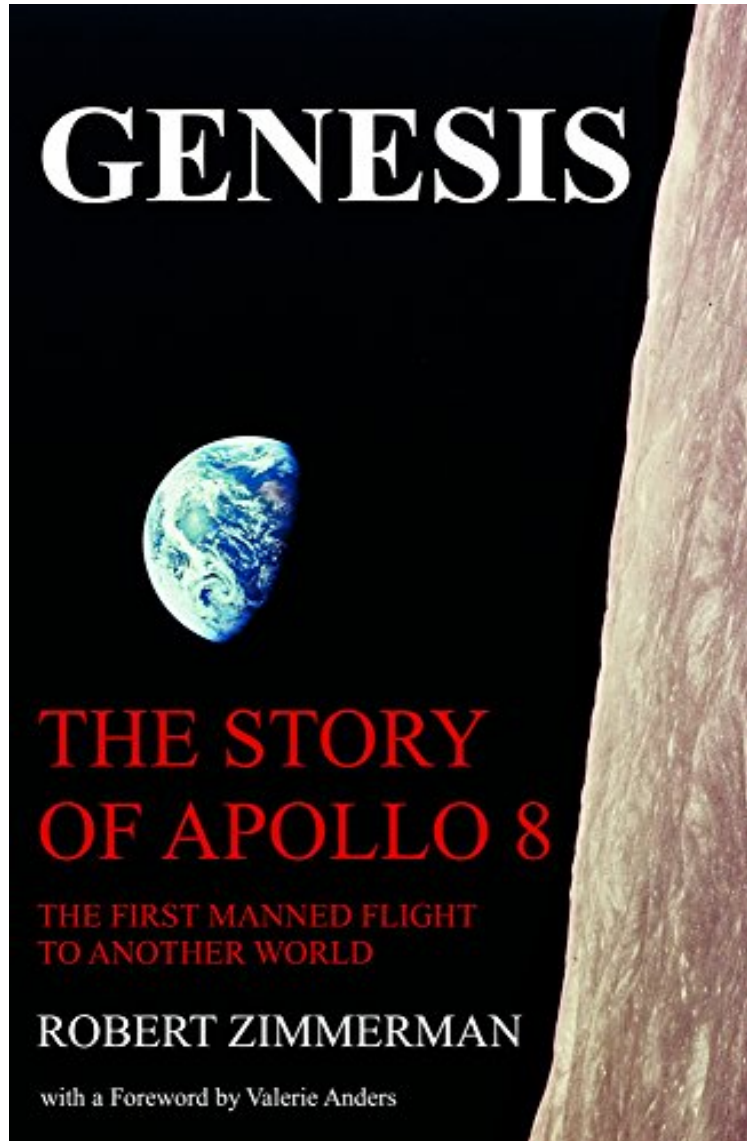


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Von Robert Zimmerman : Genesis: The Story of Apollo 8 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Genesis: The Story of Apollo 8:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Who cares where Frank Borman went to church?Von Jim KirkOverall, this book was a good addition to any space enthusiast's library. It had a lot of detail about the actual flight of Apollo 8 and he astronauts that flew the mission that I had not seen elsewhere.The major problem with the book is it's completely inappropriate and unending fascination

with the religious lives of the astronauts. The space program was a secular venture, paid for by the citizens of the United States, including Christians, Jews, Moslems, Native Americans, etc. The astronauts had no business reading from a religious text during the broadcast from the flight, but as history has shown they did it anyway. Still, Zimmerman speaks (glowingly, endlessly) about this portion of the flight as if it were the most important moment of the entire mission. In addition, he goes on ceaselessly about the churches in Houston that the astronauts attended. These sorts of asides added nothing and indeed detracted from the thrust and pacing of the book. While some have criticized his cold war stories as also being out of place, I enjoyed them as they involved the astronauts themselves. Worth reading, but buy it in paperback. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A first rate, well written, historical book. Von Ein Kunde I enjoyed Mr. Zimmerman's "Genesis: The Story of Apollo 8" very much. I feel it is a first rate historical book. It was well written, was easy to read and comprehend, and even more so, interesting to read. I learned more about this particular mission than I ever knew before, and rightly so. The vast majority of Americans, during this era, never really knew who these men were and in a way, still don't. Only through writers like Mr. Zimmerman, can readers learn more in depth details about these men, what they endured and even more so, what their wives and children endured. This insight, the lives of these particular astronauts and their families, was especially interesting to me. I am old enough, 46 to be exact, to barely remember the beginning of the space program. I was too young to comprehend at the time why it was happening, but I remember. I remember President Kennedy's speech about landing a man on the moon and returning said man to the earth before the decade was over. That speech was given in 1961. For those of us who are old enough to remember this era, this book will certainly bring back memories and allow the reader to learn more than that person knew at the time it was all happening. For those readers whom were born after this period, this book should give them some historical insight to this era and especially to this particular mission. Before I composed this review, I first read what the other reviewers had to say. I feel the person who gave Mr. Zimmerman a two star rating, was being too critical. He stated that half the book was about the flight and the other half was about the "Cold War" and religious insights of the astronauts. I'm sorry this person felt this way, because if it had not been for the "Cold War", I am not so sure that any human being from earth would have walked on the moon even as early as 1969. The "Cold War", which of course was between the soviet Union and the United States, drove the space race as Mr. Zimmerman described it. The "Cold War" issues, which really were not half of the book, had to be a part of his book. Read "Moon Shot: The Inside Story of America's Race to the Moon", co-written by Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton, two of the original seven astronauts. It also has "Cold War" issues interwoven into the story. As for the religious insights of the three astronauts, remember, this book is about these three men. However religious each man was, that aspect also needed to be a part of his book. I certainly did not feel that these religious insights diminished the story in any manner. After all, the title of the book, "Genesis", is also the first book in the bible. This mission was also a first. The first time that man had broken the grasp of earth's gravitational pull, and was to circle another heavenly body. These three men, were risking their lives to do what no man had ever done before. Therefore I feel it was appropriate that those passages read from "Genesis" by each man had significant meaning and in fact, maybe what the mission was all about. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Zimmerman revives a great story that has been overlooked. Von Jim McDade Robert Zimmerman has done America and all of humanity a great favor by reminding us of the momentous and daring journey of Apollo 8. Apollo 8 was significant for many reasons, but perhaps the greatest revelation from that journey was that we travelled so far to unlock the mysteries of another world and surprisingly discovered more about ourselves than the moon. When Borman, Lovell, and Anders saw and photographed that first earthrise from the moon they were overcome by the realization that our fragile, tiny, blue ball of a planet is a "grand oasis in the big vastness of space". The astronauts of Apollo 8 were the first humans to observe that earth is a very vulnerable place. They saw that onion skin thin blanket of an atmosphere from lunar distance and realized that we have very little protection from the radiation and hazards of our single planet existence. The precariousness of our environment would quickly become a major concern for millions shortly after Apollo 8 returned those beautiful color photos of our home. You cannot see political borders on the globe from space. All the Apollo 8 crew saw was a bright but tiny ball where billions of people seemed to be unaware that they were clinging to a precarious existence. The Apollo 8 crew unexpectedly became message bearing prophets who journeyed to the highest of pinnacles where previously unseen truths were revealed. The astronauts were so overcome with the spirituality of the moment, they turned to scripture in order to find the appropriate words to mark the occasion. It was fitting that this gift for humanity came on a Christmas Eve during a year when America and the world was suffering so terribly from divisiveness, war, and social turmoil. This writer was a 14 year-old kid witnessing these Christmas Eve events live on his grandmother's black-and-white television set. A blurry ball with white swirls of cloud patterns danced and shook across the tiny TV screen as the Apollo 8 crew struggled to hold the camera steady. We were living in the deep south, and racial turmoil was ripping the fabric of our community apart. Some days the situation looked hopeless and unrepairable. Apollo 8 was a source of inspiration and it instantly turned my pessimism about humanity into great hope and optimism. I later walked outside with my little telescope that I received for Christmas and looked at the universe above my head with a hopeful curiosity that I never knew before. Thanks Apollo 8, and thanks to Robert Zimmerman for spreading that bright spirit who visited us that evening. Zimmerman does a

beautiful job of preserving and presenting this vital revelation. - Jim McDade

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