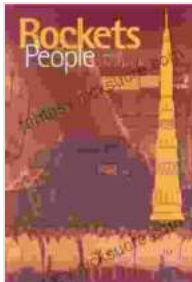


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Rockets and People, Volume IV: The Moon Race is a captivating account of one of the greatest scientific and technological achievements in human history – the race to the Moon. Written by renowned space historian Boris Chertok, this book provides a comprehensive overview of the Soviet space program, from its early beginnings to the triumphant landing of the first humans on the lunar surface.

Chertok, who worked closely with Sergei Korolev, the chief designer of the Soviet space program, offers an insider's perspective on the challenges and triumphs of the Soviet space program. He provides detailed descriptions of the spacecraft, rockets, and launch vehicles used in the Moon race, as well as the training and selection of the cosmonauts who would eventually make the journey to the Moon.

The Early Years

The Soviet space program began in the late 1950s, with the launch of the Sputnik satellite, which became the first artificial satellite to orbit the Earth. This event sparked a wave of interest in space exploration, and both the United States and the Soviet Union began to develop plans for sending humans to the Moon.

The Soviet Union had a significant head start in the Moon race, thanks to the work of Korolev and his team. They had already developed powerful rockets and spacecraft, and were confident that they could reach the Moon before the United States.

The Race to the Moon

The race to the Moon began in earnest in 1961, with the launch of the Soviet spacecraft Vostok 1, which carried cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin into orbit around the Earth. This was followed by the launch of the American spacecraft Mercury-Atlas 6, which carried astronaut John Glenn into orbit around the Earth in 1962.

Both the Soviet Union and the United States made significant progress in the Moon race over the next several years. The Soviet Union launched a series of unmanned lunar probes, which sent back valuable data about the Moon's surface. The United States developed the Apollo spacecraft, which would eventually be used to land humans on the Moon.

Apollo 11

The climax of the Moon race came on July 20, 1969, when American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk

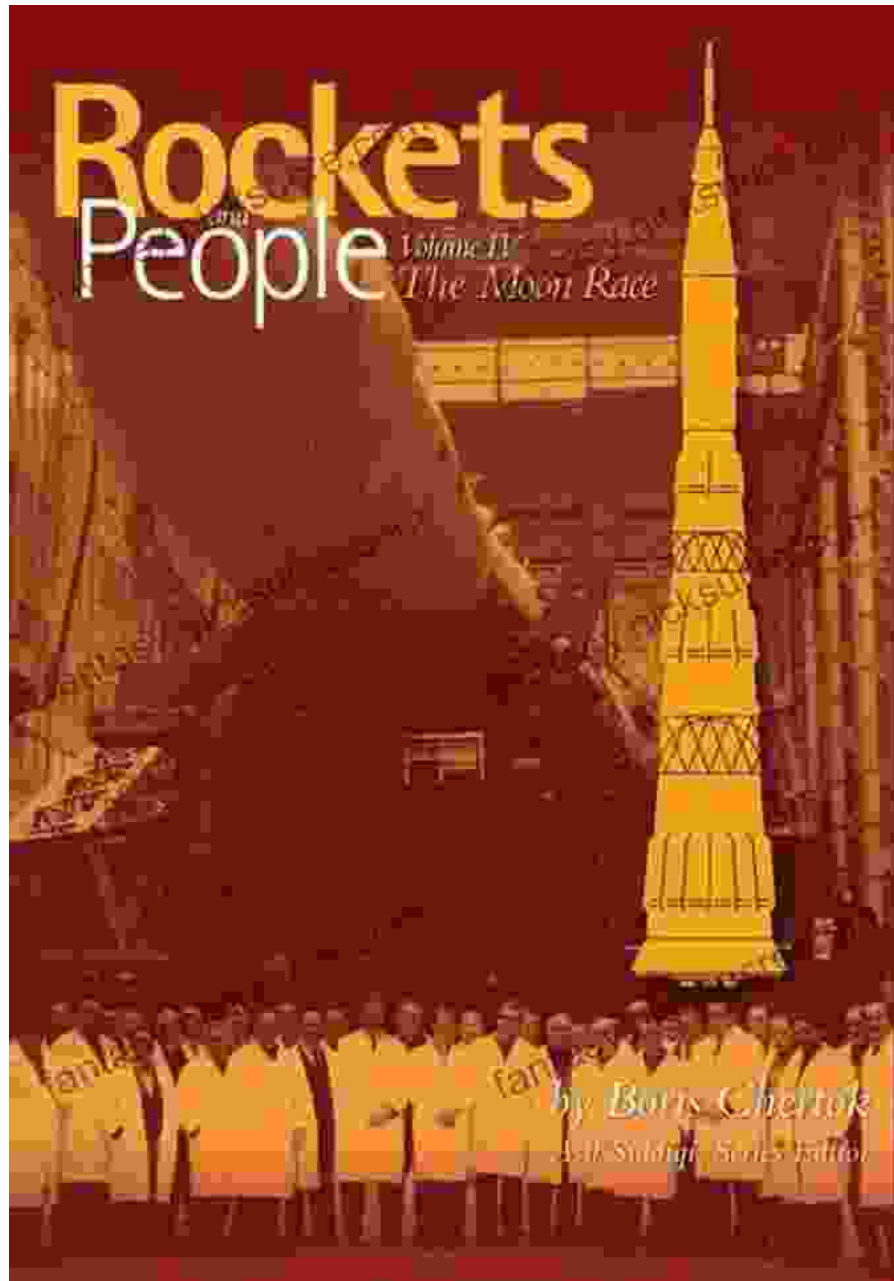
on the Moon. Their historic landing was broadcast live around the world, and it marked a major milestone in human history.

The Soviet Union never did succeed in landing humans on the Moon, but they made significant contributions to the field of space exploration. Their spacecraft and rockets were essential in paving the way for the Apollo 11 landing, and they continue to operate in space today.

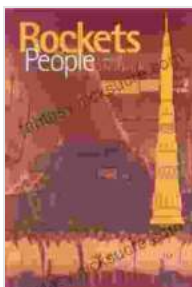
Legacy

The Moon race was a major turning point in human history. It demonstrated the power of human ingenuity and ambition, and it inspired a generation of scientists and engineers. It also led to the development of new technologies, which have been used to improve life on Earth.

The story of the Moon race is told in great detail in **Rockets and People, Volume IV: The Moon Race**. This book is an essential read for anyone interested in the history of space exploration.



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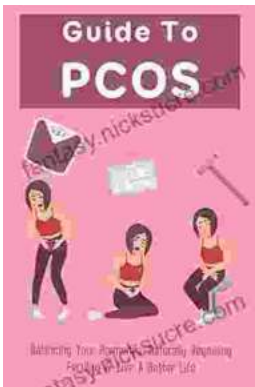
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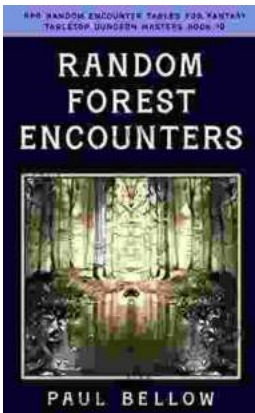
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