

## Out of this World New Mexico & Space Travel

This book tells the stories—ranging from hair raising to humorous—of people and animals who worked in New Mexico to make it fertile soil for cultivating space travel for fun and profit. From developing powerful liquid-fuel rockets, to determining the hazards of cosmic radiation, examining the physical and psychological effects of weightlessness, this book covers it all.

See how spacecraft components and safety equipment were tested. Learn how the procedures to evaluate astronaut candidates were devised and implemented. Search the skies for future space flight destinations, scrutinize UFO appearances and possible alien landings on Earth. Discover how astronauts trained for Moon missions and—ultimately—how New Mexico came to build the world's first purpose-built spaceport for recreational and commercial flights.

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