

Riding Rockets Mike Mullane

This book is an honest and compelling review of Mike Mullane's experiences as an astronaut. His willingness to reveal his innermost thoughts and his ability to describe what it was like to 'ride the rockets' as well as virtually all phases of his career with NASA is outstanding. Except for the occasional use of profanity, his choice of words allows the reader to close their eyes and see the beauty and wonder of the Earth from orbit, slowly passing beneath.

Mike was smitten with 'rocket fever' on the evening of October 4, 1957 (Sputnik I) and, built model rockets as a boy. Poor eyesight kept him from being accepted for military flight training. However, upon his graduation from West Point in 1967, he was commissioned in the United States Air Force. As a Weapon Systems Operator aboard RF-4C Phantom aircraft, he completed 134 combat missions in Vietnam. He holds a Master's of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and is also a graduate of the Air Force Flight Test Engineer School at Edwards Air Force Base, California. He elected to return to Albuquerque after retiring from NASA

