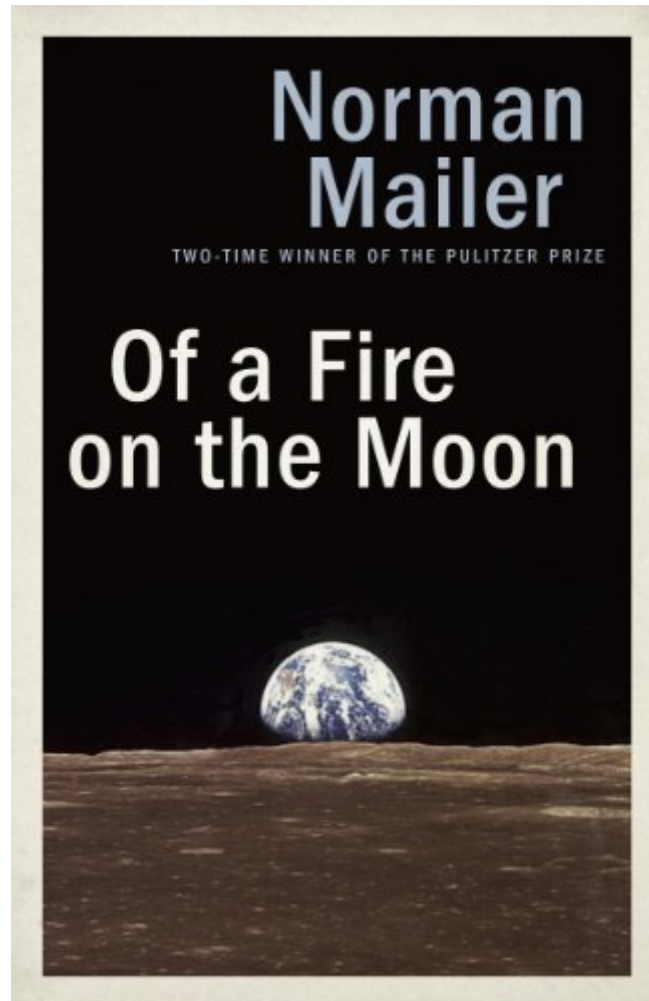




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Of A Fire On The Moon



Synopsis

For many, the moon landing was the defining event of the twentieth century. So it seems only fitting that Norman Mailer—the literary provocateur who altered the landscape of American nonfiction—wrote the most wide-ranging, far-seeing chronicle of the Apollo 11 mission. A classic chronicle of America's reach for greatness in the midst of the Cold War, *Of a Fire on the Moon* compiles the reportage Mailer published between 1969 and 1970 in *Life* magazine: gripping firsthand dispatches from inside NASA's clandestine operations in Houston and Cape Kennedy; technical insights into the magnitude of their awe-inspiring feat; and prescient meditations that place the event in human context as only Mailer could. Praise for *Of a Fire on the Moon* “The gift of a genius . . . a twentieth-century American epic—a Moby Dick of space.”—*New York Times* “Mailer’s account of Apollo 11 stands as a stunning image of human energy and purposefulness. . . . It is an act of revelation—the only verbal deed to be worthy of the dream and the reality it celebrates.”—*Saturday Review* “A wild and dazzling book.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Still the most challenging and stimulating account of [the] mission to appear in print.”—*The Washington Post* Praise for Norman Mailer “[Norman Mailer] loomed over American letters longer and larger than any other writer of his generation.”—*The New York Times* “A writer of the greatest and most reckless talent.”—*The New Yorker* “Mailer is indispensable, an American treasure.”—*The Washington Post* “A devastatingly alive and original creative mind.”—*Life* “Mailer is fierce, courageous, and reckless and nearly everything he writes has sections of headlong brilliance.”—*The New York Review of Books* “The largest mind and imagination [in modern] American literature . . . Unlike just about every American writer since Henry James, Mailer has managed to grow and become richer in wisdom with each new book.”—*Chicago Tribune* “Mailer is a master of his craft. His language carries you through the story like a leaf on a stream.”—*The Cincinnati Post*

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In one chapter, Mailer describes Gordon Cooper's looks as a semi pro football player(not big enough for the big time)who probably showers with an unlit cigar in his mouth.On Jim Lovell, he compares him to a club fighter from Canada who wins his fights,not by knockouts,but always on points,a testament to his tenacity. I made my way through all the Mercury to Apollo offerings and saved this last one for dessert.

Thank you.

Excellent read after all these years. Some very interesting and elucidating information but like all Mailer's works sometimes it seems like slogging through a muddy swamp.

I will have to read this one again. There is so much information to absorb. Mailer succeeds in most parts to place us on the personal journey of the astronauts and he reveals what others overlook.

One of the best non-fiction books---ever.

The first half of the book (about Norman Mailer) was pompous and annoying. The second half

(about Apollo 11) was interesting and informative.

Historically, this is a decent book. But, as you may imagine it is mainly about Norman Mailer. I forget but I think he continuously refers to himself as Aquarius. Why? No idea. But he clabbers up what I think is the greatest accomplishment of mankind, to date, with nonsense about himself. Shut up Norman.

Very good!

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