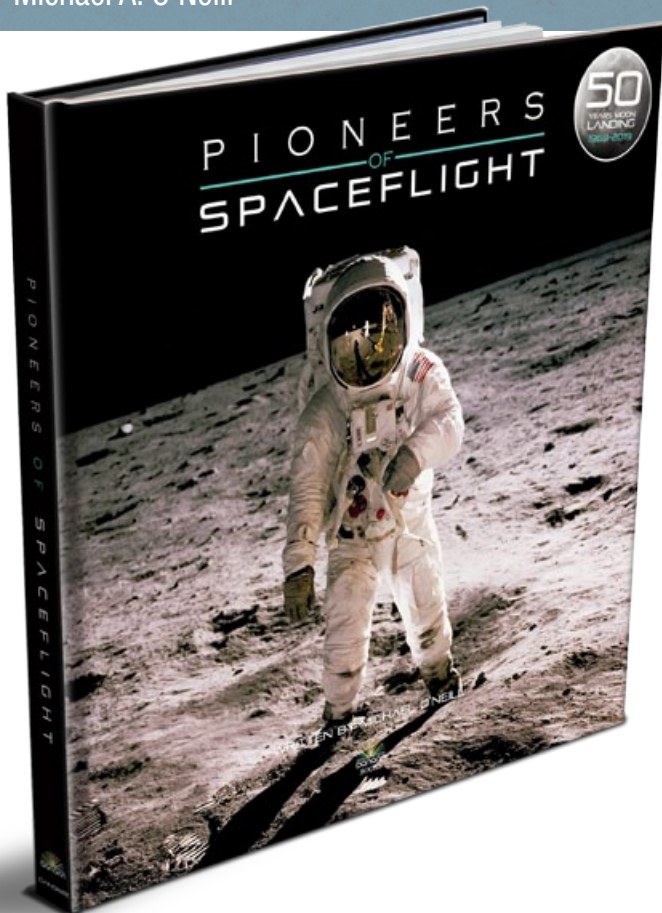




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**July 1969. It's a little over eight years since the flights of Gagarin and Shepard, followed quickly by President Kennedy's challenge to put a man on the moon before the decade is out.**

It is only seven months since NASA made a bold decision to send Apollo 8 all the way to the moon on the first manned flight of the massive Saturn V rocket. Now, on the morning of July 16, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins sit atop another Saturn V at Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center. The three-stage 363-foot rocket will use its 7.5 million pounds of thrust to propel them into space and into history.

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- Several anniversaries are near the day of publication - July 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon, October 2018 marks 60 years since NASA's first day of operation, and December 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Apollo 8's launch
- Full of insights and accounts of the long journey to getting a man on the moon, Pioneers of Spaceflight is the perfect companion for anyone with a love of space travel, and the moon landings.
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- Uniquely complemented by a Space Timeline and an explanation of The Solar System - you can become fully immersed in this interactive story of mankind's ongoing journey into the final frontier..

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