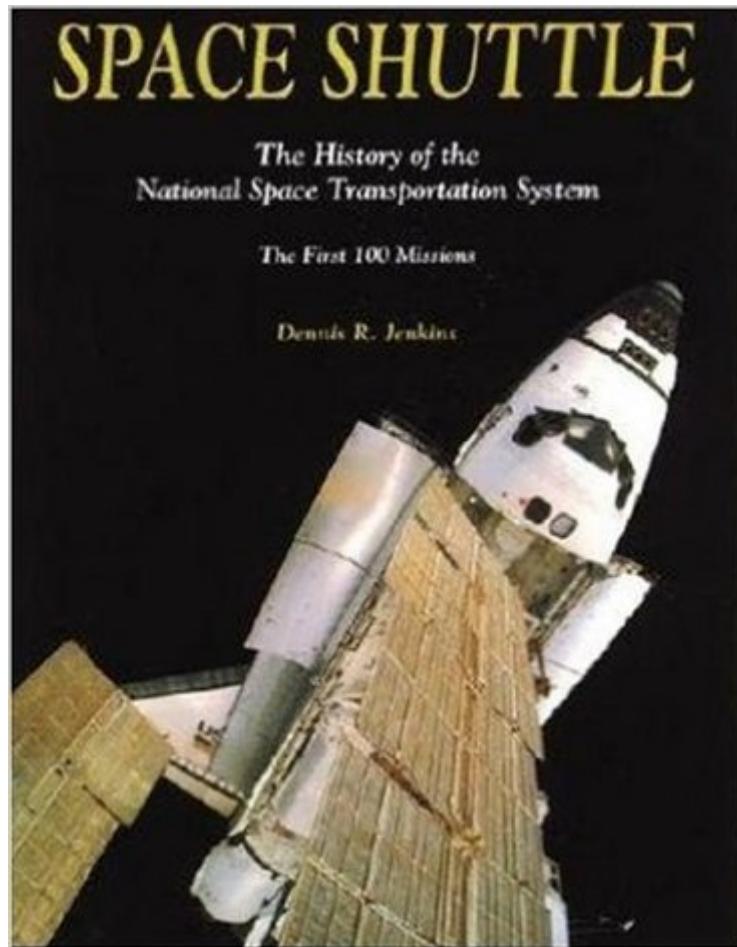


The book was found

Space Shuttle: The History Of The National Space Transportation System The First 100 Missions



Synopsis

This history chronicles the development of reusable spacecraft, including the full and fascinating history of Space Shuttle flights and all developmental and experimental craft. This book has been totally revised and updated since it was last published in 1996.

Book Information

Hardcover: 524 pages

Publisher: Dennis r. Jenkins; 3rd edition (March 22, 2001)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0963397451

ISBN-13: 978-0963397454

Product Dimensions: 8.8 x 1.2 x 11.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (38 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #112,233 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #5 in [Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Aerospace > Aircraft Design & Construction](#) #43 in [Books > Textbooks > Engineering > Aeronautical Engineering](#) #55 in [Books > Engineering & Transportation > Engineering > Aerospace > Astronautics & Space Flight](#)

Customer Reviews

The product description is correct in saying that this book contains "enough minutiae of the space shuttle to enable, it seems, the building of one's own orbiter." On technical matters, this book is brilliant. It contains a depth of information about the shuttle that is probably unmatched anywhere else. The printed information and diagrams are exhaustive, not just about the shuttle as it was built, but also about the dozens of proposals that came before the shuttle and influenced its design. If a technical history is what you seek, you'll find none better than this book. Although I enjoyed this book, it bills itself as a complete history of the shuttle, not just a technical history. The real shortcoming of the book is its failure to examine the shuttle program critically. A 2012 Forbes article said that "criticizing the Space Shuttle is like punching America in the face." While many people do have an instinctive need to defend the shuttle at all costs, the fact is that the shuttle was delivered years late and came with enormous cost overruns, limited capability, and multiple safety problems that were impossible to remedy. It's important to remember the promises NASA made for the shuttle. In the 1970s it was sold as a safe, extremely low cost, reliable means to access space on a weekly basis. It would serve the needs of both commercial launch customers and the US military. In short, it

would be so cheap and versatile that it would make disposable rockets a relic of the past. These promises turned out not just to be unrealistic, but unrealistic in the extreme.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Space Shuttle: The History of the National Space Transportation System The First 100 Missions To Space and Back: The Story of the Shuttle (Adventures in Space) Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures (Women of Action) National Geographic Kids First Big Book of Space (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Guide to National Parks of the United States, 8th Edition (National Geographic Guide to the National Parks of the United States) Invitation to World Missions: A Trinitarian Missiology for the Twenty-first Century (Invitation to Theological Studies Series) California Missions Coloring Book (Dover History Coloring Book) Top Secret Files: The Civil War: Spies, Secret Missions, and Hidden Facts from the Civil War (Top Secret Files of History) California History for Kids: Missions, Miners, and Moviemakers in the Golden State, Includes 21 Activities (For Kids series) Supernatural Transportation: Moving Through Space, Time and Dimension for the Kingdom of Heaven National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Why (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Birds (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Bugs (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the Ocean (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of How (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) National Geographic My First Pocket Guide Garden Birds (National Geographic My First Pocket Guides) National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of the World (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books) My Very First Library: My Very First Book of Colors, My Very First Book of Shapes, My Very First Book of Numbers, My Very First Books of Words

[Dmca](#)