

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of The Usborne Official Astronaut's Handbook by Louie Stowell and Illustrated by Roger Simo

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

Tomasz Hawryszczuk, age 10

This sample handbook was epic! I have already got my Mum to order the full book. Highly recommend to any budding astronauts!

This was a great sample pamphlet with loads of colourful pages and interesting facts about the training that astronauts go through and everything you will need to know. This is written in the style of most of the Usborne books, which is colourful, very child friendly and lots of great illustrations.

Elizabeth Bridgeman, age 8

This book is amazing. It tells me all about spaceships and space. My fave page is working on the ISS because it is amazing. This is so cool I want the proper book.

This book is about the geography of space and rockets. It is so amazing, especially working on the ISS. It gives me so much information I cannot believe it. I love books like this and I am starting to read more chapter books and reading more. The thing I like is when you're in space your bones get weaker.



Alexander Bisland, age 9

*It was a good information book. It taught me all about how to be an astronaut for example, how life is on the ISS (International Space Station). Did you know that to be an astronaut you need to be: a generally healthy person; bright and hardworking; friendly and fine in small spaces? **I won't be a good astronaut because I need to be comfy and can't live in small spaces! I can't wait for the official book to come out.***

Daniel Bisland age 7

I like the footnotes that give you little snippets of information which will be more detailed in the real book, e.g. how they pee and poo! Also, I like the colourful illustrations.

We give the book 10/10.

Dylan Sweet, age 11

*This sample was very informative even though it was not the complete book. I learnt facts about astronauts, rockets, equipment in space, space food and jobs you can do other than astronauts. My favourite part of the sample was when the author talked about the ISS – which is the International Space Station – and said the opportunities you had and the different life you had also in the space station. I felt the illustrations were quite funny and I liked the use of cartoons in a non-fiction book. It was very clear and had lots of colour to brighten it up. If this is the sample, **I can't wait to read the complete book.** I hope you enjoy it and love it as much as I did. I would recommend the age group is from age 7 plus – and anyone can read it.*

Benjy Randall, age 11

A really cool and fun book that lets you see into the life of an astronaut.

This sample book is very clever. I really enjoyed the fun and interesting facts that you learn while seeing what it is like to be an astronaut. I especially liked the section on the weightless training and space walking, as I think this would be a lot of fun. I also liked looking at all the great pictures and diagrams. This is a great book for anybody interested in space.

Max Shearer, age 10

St Paul's CE Primary School

This amazing handbook tells you about an astronaut's experience and what you need to do if you'd like to train to be go into space. With a foreword by a real astronaut, Tim Peake, I definitely know a career that I now want!

Reading this book was a whole mini space experience on its own!

With fun facts about life onboard the ISS (International Space Station) and insane information about training to be an astronaut, this is definitely a good read. I tested my dad and there were things he didn't know and he's really smart! This handbook is illustrated with superb cartoons and includes Tim's top tips. I read it three times and it lands in my top ten information books, almost first on the list! I definitely want to get the Official Handbook. I loved this mini book and would really recommend it to anybody with the slightest interest in space. It's great!

Nathan Carey, age 10

St Paul's CE Primary School

I think this book will make you excited about going into space.

This great little handbook tells you what you need to do to become an astronaut. You will find out what it's like to live on the International Space Station, ISS. Everything has to be taped down so it doesn't float away as there is no gravity. This book is packed full of information about how to become an astronaut, I think it will make you excited about going into space. I love space and have always wanted to go there.

Richard Nae, age 9

St Paul's CE Primary School

If you ever wanted to go into space then this is the book for you.

This great little handbook will tell you what kind of jobs there are at an ESA space centre, even astronauts jobs. To be an astronaut you need to train very hard. You need to exercise in a pool (because in water you feel weightless like you do in space), you will learn how to repair or add new parts to rockets and space ships and finally you may need to learn Russian because your space ship may be Russian. Once you have done all of this you will be ready to go into space. If you are interested in space then this is the book for you. I loved it so

much. I have decided I would like to be a flight director.

Alicia Swiercicka, age 10

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This book made me feel like I really wanted to train to be an astronaut.

This book is about how you can get safely to space and back. Join Tim Peake, European Space Agency ESA astronaut, as he prepares for a journey to the International Space Station. The battle to survive in space starts once you are onboard the ISS and it's important that you are really well trained for this.

This is a visual guide for children as to how to train to be an astronaut. There are trainee astronauts throughout the book showing you how to survive in space and the book is set on Earth as well as on board the ISS. I feel really inspired after reading this handbook and it made me feel like I really wanted to train to be an astronaut.

Rachel Zinkin, age 8

I don't normally read non-fiction but after reading this I do. I really enjoyed it.

This book taught me a lot about space and it says in space your bones get weaker and your muscles shrink, the sun affects you and your eyesight gets worse. It is a good book and explains all about space. I enjoyed this book and I think other people should read it. I liked the little chunks of text which made it easier to read

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Holly Wilkins, age 11

For wannabe astronauts or space enthusiasts or anyone wanting to know a little more about space.

This is a great mini book to introduce you to space life. It gives enough information to give the basics plus a little bit more. The pictures and words are a good balance and make it fun to read. It is really interesting.

I am definitely going to read the Official Astronaut's Handbook.

Emily Lonsdale, age 9

We liked it because the book reads like it's you that's going into space and has lots of lovely pictures to help you imagine things as well as a load of facts we didn't know.

It starts by telling you what you need to do to become an Astronaut, what type of person you need to be, what qualifications you need to have and other jobs you could do in the space industry. The rest of it talks about what space is like and what you would do each day if you went up into space.

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We loved the pamphlet so much we have now bought the book and think many of our friends would like it too.

Sam Harper, age 11

I learnt loads and laughed lots with this book. A fun and informative read.

The Astronaut's Handbook is everything you need to become a fully-fledged astronaut, except the career as a brilliant scientist or jet pilot and the two years of training required. It talks you through the details of being launched into space and what it's like to live and perform experiments there. It covers the basics of everything from weeing in space to piloting a spacecraft. Did you know that before you leave the International Space Station for a spacewalk, you need to spend 50 minutes in your spacesuit, breathing pure oxygen and doing exercises? Or that the commander of a Russian Soyuz spacecraft needs to use a stick to work the control panel? This handbook will teach you this and much, much more. It's factual but also laugh-out-loud funny and the cartoonish illustrations are brilliant. The questions posed by the learner astronaut covered almost every possibility, there were lots of things I hadn't even thought of. I learnt loads and laughed lots with this book. A fun and informative read.