Almost Heaven: The Story Of Women In Space

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Almost Heaven: The Story of Women in Space - My Hero Oct 6, 2003. Almost Heaven has 22 ratings and 4 reviews. Michael said: This is the story of the courageous, oft-times brilliant women who pioneered in outer space. Kevles is one of the first women to step forward and share their stories with the world.

Review: Almost Heaven - The Story of Women in Space

Almost Heaven is the fascinating story of the women astronauts and cosmonauts who flew, or almost flew, into space. As such, the book provides a unique perspective on the history of the American and Russian space programs. Yet though I worked alongside the first group of women astronauts, this book contained details of their experiences that I had not known before. I rolled my eyes at the description of NASA agonizing over separate toilet facilities and how to handle supplying women with appropriately sized (versus small/medium/large) underwear and bras. Somewhat sadly, I was reminded of the attitudes of some of the men who resented and resisted the Agency’s inclusion of women in technical positions that they felt were their exclusive domain. Almost Heaven tells the stories of the remarkable women who have bravely met two challenges: the risk of space travel and the struggle to succeed in a man’s world. From Valentina Tereshkova in 1963 and Sally Ride in 1983 to Kalpana Chawla and Lauren Clark on the last flight of the Columbia, these women made history. Bettyann Holtzmann Kevles brings the women of space to life in this fascinating book, describing what motivates them, the pioneers who paved the way for them, and how their presence in the astronaut corps changed NASA. Setting her story against the background of the Cold War a Almost Heaven: Women On The Frontiers Of Space and millions of other books are available for Amazon Kindle. Learn more. Enter your mobile number or email address below and we’ll send you a link to download the free Kindle App. Bettyann Holtzman Kevles has written a fascinating history of women in space but she has also done much more. Her book is a social history of attitudes toward gender during the last generation in which she includes particularly revealing variables: nationality, ethnicity, race, and profession (including military-civilian differences). The analytical comparison of Russia and the United States is especially rich.