



A Much Unsung Hero, the Lunar Landing Training Vehicle (Paperback)

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BookBaby, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 224 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Our nation's landing on the moon will certainly be recorded in history as one of mankind's great achievements. Initially there was a significant difference within NASA as to how the landing should be performed. Bob Gilruth, the Johnson Space Center's director (at the time the Manned Spacecraft Center), and particularly Chris Kraft, head of its Mission Operations, felt the landing should be fully automated with manual backup. The astronauts on the other hand were of one opinion that the Lunar Module's landing had to be manually flown by its pilot. This issue and its resolution is revealed in A Much Unsung Hero. The title comes from Neil Armstrong's biography, First Man where astronaut Bill Anders is quoted as characterizing the Lunar Landing Training Vehicle as a much unsung hero of the Apollo Program. Given the moon's gravity, one sixth that of earth, and its lack of atmosphere, it was recognized this would result in a significant difference in the control characteristics of the Lunar Module compared to those on earth, and that the LM had to...



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