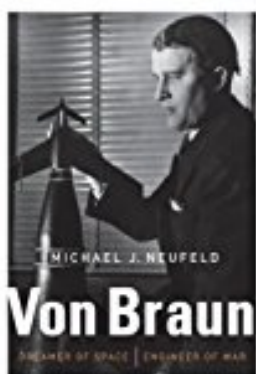


[PDF] Von Braun: Dreamer Of Space, Engineer Of War

Michael J. Neufeld - pdf download free book



Books Details:

Title: Von Braun: Dreamer of Space,

Author: Michael J. Neufeld

Released: 2007-09-25

Language:

Pages: 608

ISBN: 0307262928

ISBN13: 978-0307262929

ASIN: 0307262928

[**CLICK HERE FOR DOWNLOAD**](#)

pdf, mobi, epub, azw, kindle

Description:

From Publishers Weekly Neufeld, chair of the Space History Division at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, offers what is likely to be the definitive biography of Wernher von Braun (1912-1977), the man behind both Nazi Germany's V-1 and V-2 rockets and America's postwar rocket program. Spearheading America's first satellite launch in 1958, which brought the U.S. up to par with the Soviet Union in space, von Braun was celebrated on the covers of *Time* and *Life*. Neufeld has a deep understanding of the technical and human challenges von Braun faced in leading

the U.S. space program and lucidly explains his role in navigating the personal and public politics, management challenges and engineering problems that had to be solved before landing men on the moon. Neufeld doesn't discount von Braun's past as an SS member and Nazi scientist (which was downplayed by NASA), but concludes nonjudgmentally that von Braun's lifelong obsession with becoming the Columbus of space, not Nazi sympathies, led him to his Faustian bargain to accept resources to build rockets regardless of their source or purpose. A wide range of readers (not only science and space buffs) will find this illuminating and rewarding. 16 pages of photos. (*Sept. 26*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From *Starred Review* A historian of German rocket technology (*The Rocket and the Reich*, 1994), Neufeld enters the populated field of von Braun biographies with, it is safe to say, the most comprehensively researched one. Only von Braun's relatives, it seems, have denied their stories to the author, whose documentary synthesis covers the qualities that vaulted von Braun into technological leadership. Neufeld argues that von Braun's true distinction lay in organizational management. He could spot talent, motivate it with charisma, and persuade national leaders to fund his futuristic visions. That these leaders were initially those of Nazi Germany is the fulcrum of von Braun's life: Neufeld's account and assessment of von Braun's enmeshment in the Nazi system illustrates a progression arriving at party and SS membership, and involvement with forced labor. Letting readers mull the war-criminal question, Neufeld proceeds to the von Braun team's capture and transportation to the U.S. in 1945, von Braun's Christian conversion experience, and his fame in the 1950s and beyond as a space-flight proselytizer. Cautious in tone, Neufeld's judicious portrait of von Braun's outstanding qualities and his moral compromises promises to become a space-history mainstay. Taylor, Gilbert

- Title: Von Braun: Dreamer of Space, Engineer of War
 - Author: Michael J. Neufeld
 - Released: 2007-09-25
 - Language:
 - Pages: 608
 - ISBN: 0307262928
 - ISBN13: 978-0307262929
 - ASIN: 0307262928
-