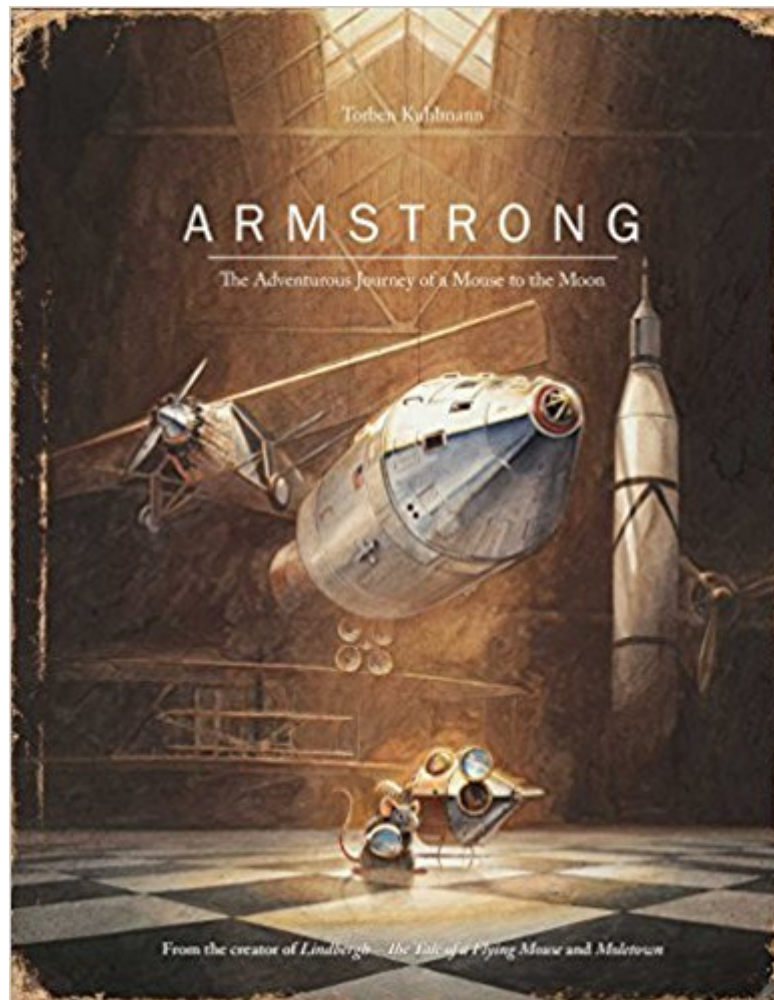




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Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey Of A Mouse To The Moon



Synopsis

A long time ago a mouse learned to fly . . . and crossed the Atlantic. But what happened next? Torben Kuhlmann's stunning new book transports readers to the moon and beyond! On the heels of Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse comes Armstrong: A Mouse on the Moon—where dreams are determined only by the size of your imagination and the biggest innovators are the smallest of all. The book ends with a brief non-fiction history of human space travel—from Galileo's observations concerning the nature of the universe to man's first steps on the moon.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 2—Uniquely similar in artistic design and writing style to Kuhlmann's Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse, this title relates the story of another clever mouse's fascination with the moon, which, his telescope shows him, is actually "a giant ball of stone"—not the big ball of cheese that his friends say it is. An invitation to visit the Smithsonian Museum and its room full of mouse-size flying machines and some encouraging advice from an old gray mouse docent ("Study human knowledge") fill the tiny inventor with the determination to pursue his dream of a moonshot adventure that even a catastrophic setback cannot subdue. But police detectives are on the mouse's trail; locating parts for his rocket and

space capsule becomes a dangerous game. As the small rodent pulls on his spacesuit, the police arrive with their sniffing dogs, just in time to witness the successful blastoff up the chimney and into orbit. Kuhlmann's exquisitely rendered realistic illustrations—most in watercolor and pencil—are filled with minute details; annotated architectural renderings show each phase of the mouse's inventions, then pieces and parts, in photographic detail as various components are assembled. "A Short History of Space Travel" includes drawn and painted "photos" and bits of information about scientists, animals, and astronauts who were key figures in U.S. and Soviet space programs leading to the first moon landing. VERDICT This beautifully illustrated story is a feast for mind and eyes and a strong selection to complement STEAM curricula.—Susan Scheps, formerly at Shaker Public Library, OH

*Starred Review. "The illustrations are visually immersive for their wealth of precisely rendered period items and architecture... 'One Small Step for a Mouse' indeed."- Kirkus Reviews "Wonderful drawings of this momentous flight to and from the moon will hold the reader spellbound... you will be compelled to read and enjoy from start to finish."- Charles Sutton, Vermont Country Sampler

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*Starred Review. "As with the previous book, Kuhlmann's artwork is the real star. Every spread is drafted with remarkable imaginative power (the mouse's handsewn spacesuit enchants, as does an early experimental vessel, a firecracker attached to a roller skate), while the space scenes are NASA-worthy. This adventure will easily win Kuhlmann even more fans."- Publishers Weekly

*Starred Review. "Kuhlmann intermixes beautiful wordless spreads and paragraphs of text as the mouse studies, sketches, builds, and ultimately takes to the skies. Rich with adventure and the spirit of discovery, the text rightfully declares, 'Nothing is too difficult for a clever mouse!'"—Julia Smith, Booklist

"The detailed, warm-tone illustrations, in pencil and watercolor, document the mouse's progress as he repurposes household objects — an alarm clock, tin foil, a glass ink well — to construct a spacesuit and power his flight. Period details evoke the mid-1950s, and a plot twist suggests that the mouse's work paved the way for the human space program."- Nicole Lamy, New York Times Book Review

This is by far my sons favorite book, we hv been reading it everyday with other torben kuhlmann books. The illustrations and story ignites the imagination of my child and inspire him to do great things. Best book ever, and really great for home library!

I bought this book as a gift, but before we gave it to the lucky 5 year-old recipient, my husband both read it from cover to cover. The story is extremely creative, and the illustrations are fabulous. This book richly deserves the critical praise it has been receiving. Probably a little ambitious for a 5 year-old, but not entirely, and of course the parents will want to read it to their child in any case. This is a wonderful story about pluck, ingenuity, and perseverance, with just the right amount of whimsy thrown in.

My sister got this book for my boys (8 and 9). We have been reading this book together during our outloud read time. And combining it with other books about Armstrong and activities like making a space ship/suits for stuffed animals. Amazing illustrations and written in a very interesting way. Highly recommend it.

Wonderful story and most engaging graphics. Very long story for toddlers. I would suggest reading a few chapters a night.

One of the most beautifully illustrated and entertaining fictional(with historical information) books I've read. My students enjoy re-reading and looking at the artwork.

I gave this to our grandson who is ten and he absolutely loves the book-the illustrations are special and there is a lot of information about space.

Well done! I hope my grandson like it as much as I did. The story and especially the illustrations are fantastic!

Wonderful artwork, intriguing fictional mouse story, many lessons about the nature of science and society.

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