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Review

"A very valuable account of the way the Cold War was ended in Space." ?*Sir Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001: A Space Odyssey*

From the Inside Flap

"Dave Scott and Alexei Leonov have each borne the enormous responsibility of commanding spacecraft and of representing their respective countries in the most fascinating and most expensive race in human history. This is their transcendent recounting of that competition."

- Neil Armstrong, from the Foreword

"Leonov and Scott have gone to extra lengths to explain the inexplicable in *Two Sides of the Moon*. And thank goodness they have. Theirs was a gamble taken voluntarily and eagerly with the single-minded pursuit of earning the assignment and then getting the job done. Sometimes they were first. Often they were best. Always they were colorful. And yet each time they returned, neither man claimed to have come back a changed man who had gone into space and seen the spirit of the universe. They came back from their missions in space having seen the spirit of themselves as even more of the human beings they were before leaving our world of air, land, and water.... Leonov, the artist and Scott, the engineer/dreamer. The two of them-the Cheaters of Death."

- Tom Hanks, from the Introduction

"What was most significant about the lunar voyage was not that men set foot on the moon, but that they set eye on the Earth."

- Norman Cousins

About the Author

David Scott is one of the twelve men to have walked on the Moon. He flew three space missions: first as pilot of *Gemini 8* in 1966, then as command module pilot on *Apollo 9* in 1969, and finally as commander of *Apollo 15* in 1971. He went on to found two private companies, applying his technological expertise in the arena of commercial space, and has also acted as technical advisor on the film *Apollo 13* and Tom Hanks's award-winning series *From the Earth to the Moon*.

Alexei Leonov was born in Siberia in 1934. He was among the first group of cosmonauts selected in 1960 and flew two space missions: first as pilot of *Voskhod 2* in 1965 and then in 1975 as commander of *Soyuz 19* during the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. He is currently vice president of Russia's Alpha Bank.

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