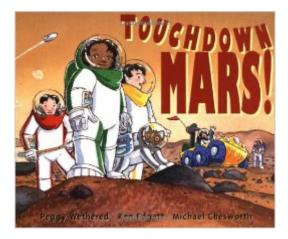
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# **Touchdown Mars!**





# Synopsis

NASA hasn't managed to send a manned mission to Mars yet, but these energetic astronauts are way ahead of them. Everyone's invited to join the astronauts as they board their rocket and count down to take-off for an exciting alphabet adventure. Explore the ship as it races toward Mars, see the astronauts work and play on the way, and follow their investigation of the surface of the Red Planet and its moons. Every page reveals fascinating facts about Mars, space travel, and what you might find on a trip beyond the stratosphere. Playful and dynamic illustrations offer an exciting glimpse of extraterrestrial travel that is sure to inspire every young reader to put on a spacesuit and start counting down.

# **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I bought this for my daughter (Peggy is her Kindergarden teacher) thinking that it would be fun for her to have a book written by her teacher - and we ended up with a great book. Written in the first person, it puts childern in the role of an astronaut, with wonderfull illustrations that detail how their spaceship might work, or what their mars base might be like. The book is playful enough to grab and hold my daughter's attention in this wonderful fantasy, but filled with enough science and fact to send her mind racing with surprising questions about what it's like "out there..." Really a great book to teach true science in a fun way. Outstanding. When I first looked at the vocabulary of Peggy Wethered's Touchdown Mars I felt it would be over my 3-4-5-year olds' heads. But when I introduced the book and began to read, the children moved in for closer looks. They followed the abc's from Earth to Mars with keen interest. They talked among themselves between letters, pointed to things they recognized, laughing and playing with the words they were hearing. It was a wonderful experience and I congratulate Putnam Publishing Company for a real coup in producing Mrs. Wethered's work for all ages.

An excellent book that introduces the concepts of outer space and the alphabet all at once. Well done!

My child has been obsessing over this book for two days straight! There is a good combination of elements for varying interest levels -- pictures to grab attention, an alphabet sentence to give information, and extra information text for those who want to read it and know more.

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