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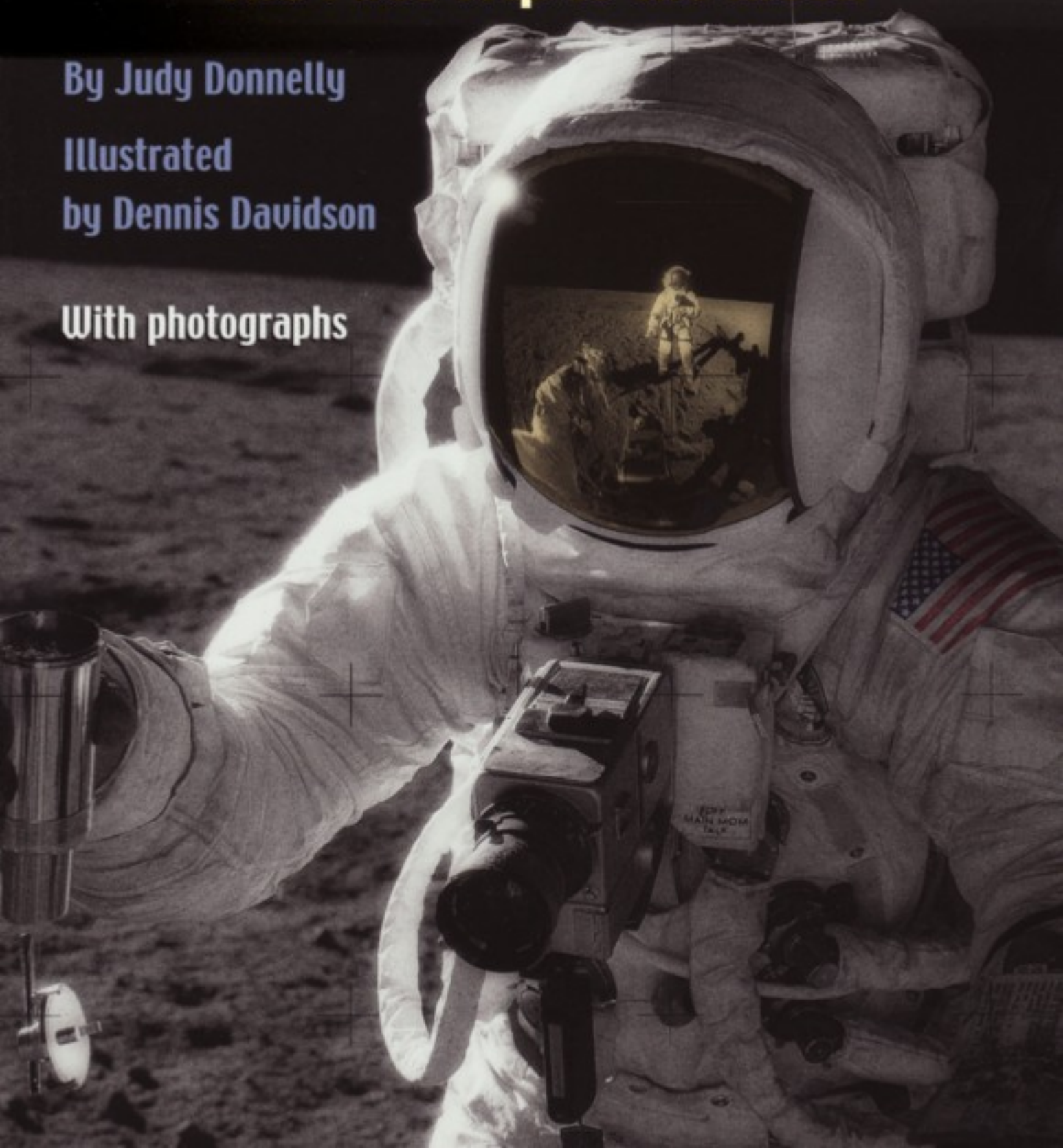
## The First Trip to the Moon

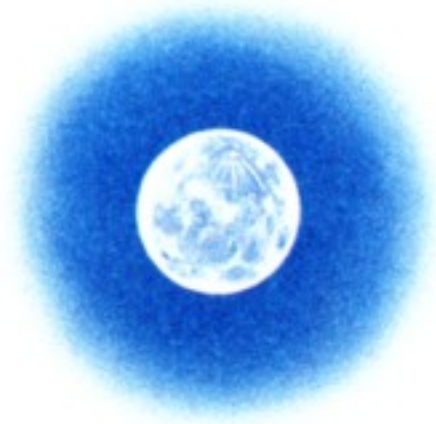
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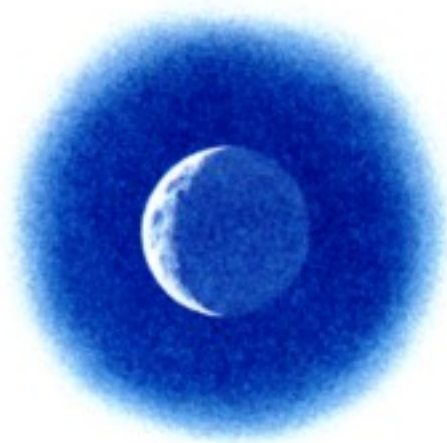
## Moon Launch

*July 16, 1969. Cape Kennedy, Florida.*

A huge white rocket towers against the blue sky. It is thirty-six stories high. It weighs over six million pounds. It is called the *Saturn V*. It is the biggest, most powerful rocket ever built.

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A few miles away almost a million people crowd the highways and beaches. Small boats full of excited people dot the ocean. They have all come to see the launch. People



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### Destination Moon

*July 16, 1969. Somewhere in space.*

*Apollo 11* is hurtling through black space. It is going more than six miles a second—faster than a bullet!

Inside, the astronauts—Armstrong, Aldrin, and Collins—feel as though they are hardly moving at all.

But through their windows they see Earth growing smaller and smaller. It is a beautiful sight. They can see the blue of the oceans, white clouds, and red deserts. And the earth is so bright! It is much brighter than the moon. The astronauts can even read by earthshine.

An actual photograph of Earth, taken from a spacecraft.

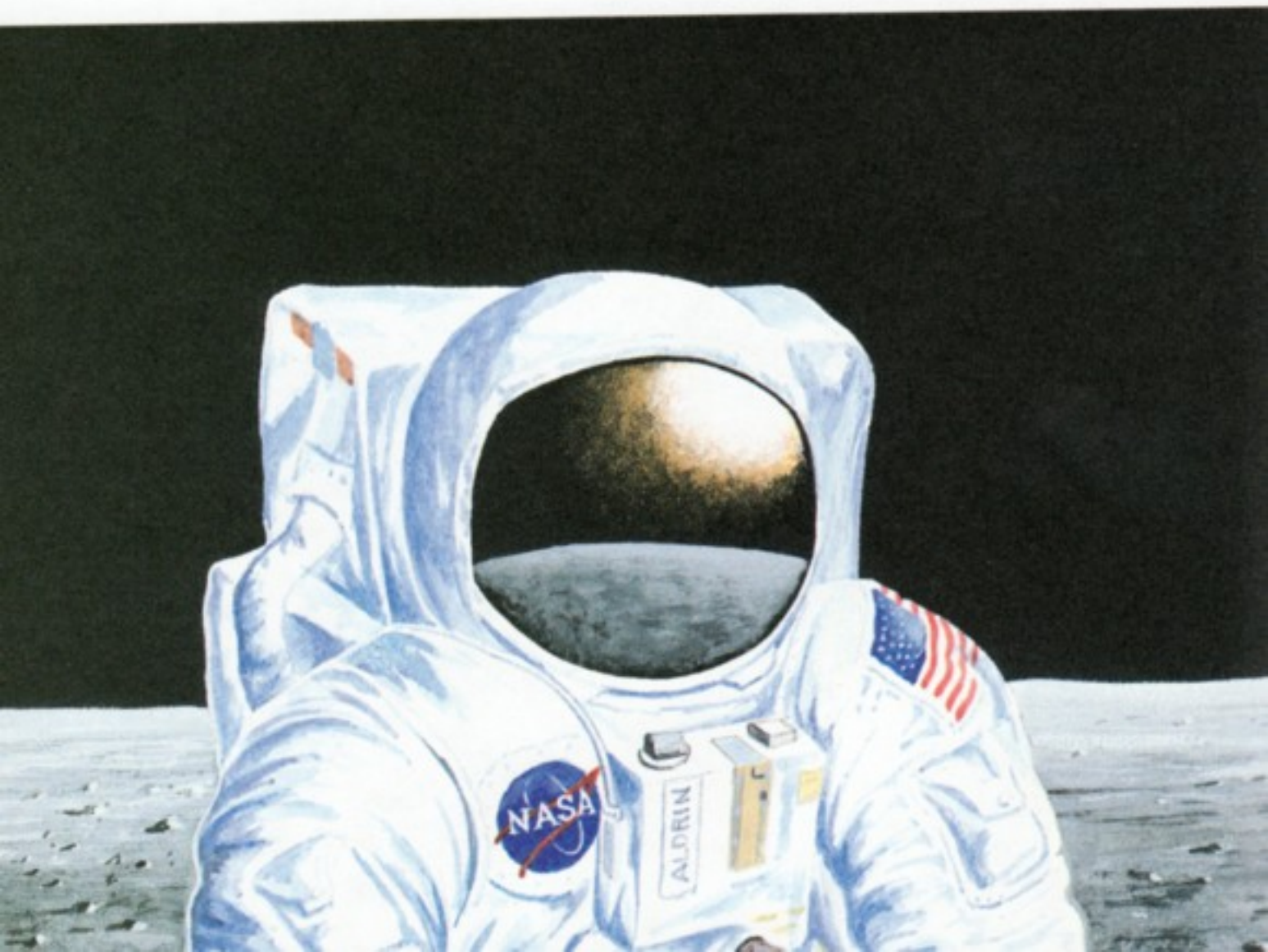
Aldrin joins Armstrong.

For a moment the men just look around them. It is beautiful and strange.

Nothing moves. There is no wind or weather. No sign of life anywhere.

Bright sunshine lights up the surface of the moon. But the sky is black. And way off in the distance hangs a tiny, shining blue-white Earth.

It is time to explore. Together the two astronauts walk into the gray-white world.





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