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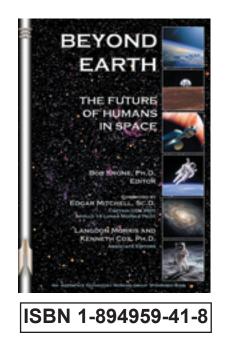
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Beyond Earth: the future of humans in space, ed. by Bob Krone with Langdon Morris and Kenneth Cox. Apogee Books, 2006. 295p index ISBN 1-894959-41-8 pbk, \$27.95.

This book consists of a series of short essays by members of the Aerospace Technology Working Group (ATWG), an organization created to facilitate discussion among government, industry, and academia about advanced space technology. The participants include experts on space issues from NASA, aerospace contractors, businesses, professional societies, and universities. The preface indicates that a key assumption of the ATWG is that the desire for space flight is part of an intrinsic human desire for exploration. Each of the 36 chapters is an essay and includes biographical information indicating the author's perspective. The topics are diverse, ranging from human factors in space, to space policy and strategy. Some of the interesting chapters discussed biotechnology, music and arts for humans in space, and a code of ethics for humans in space. There are graphs, tables, black-and-white images, and color figures. Though this volume will have value for those with broad interests in human space flight, the overall message and presentation were difficult to discern. Summing Up: Optional. General readers. --- J. Z. Kiss, Miami University





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