

# Facts About Neil Armstrong, the First Man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut and the first person to walk on the Moon. He was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio, on August 5, 1930, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 25, 2012.

Armstrong was a naval aviator and test pilot before joining NASA in 1962. He was selected for the Apollo 11 mission, which landed on the Moon on July 20, 1969. Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon, and they spent two and a half hours outside the lunar module, collecting samples and taking photographs.



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After the Apollo 11 mission, Armstrong retired from NASA and became a professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Cincinnati. He also

served on the National Commission on Space and the board of directors of several corporations.

### **Here are some interesting facts about Neil Armstrong:**

- Armstrong was a Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout.
- He was a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in aeronautical engineering.
- He was a decorated naval aviator and flew 78 combat missions during the Korean War.
- He was selected for the Apollo 11 mission because of his experience as a pilot and his calm demeanor.
- He was the first person to set foot on the Moon, and his famous words, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," are among the most famous words in history.
- He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Space Medal of Honor, and the NASA Distinguished Service Medal.
- He was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and the International Space Hall of Fame.

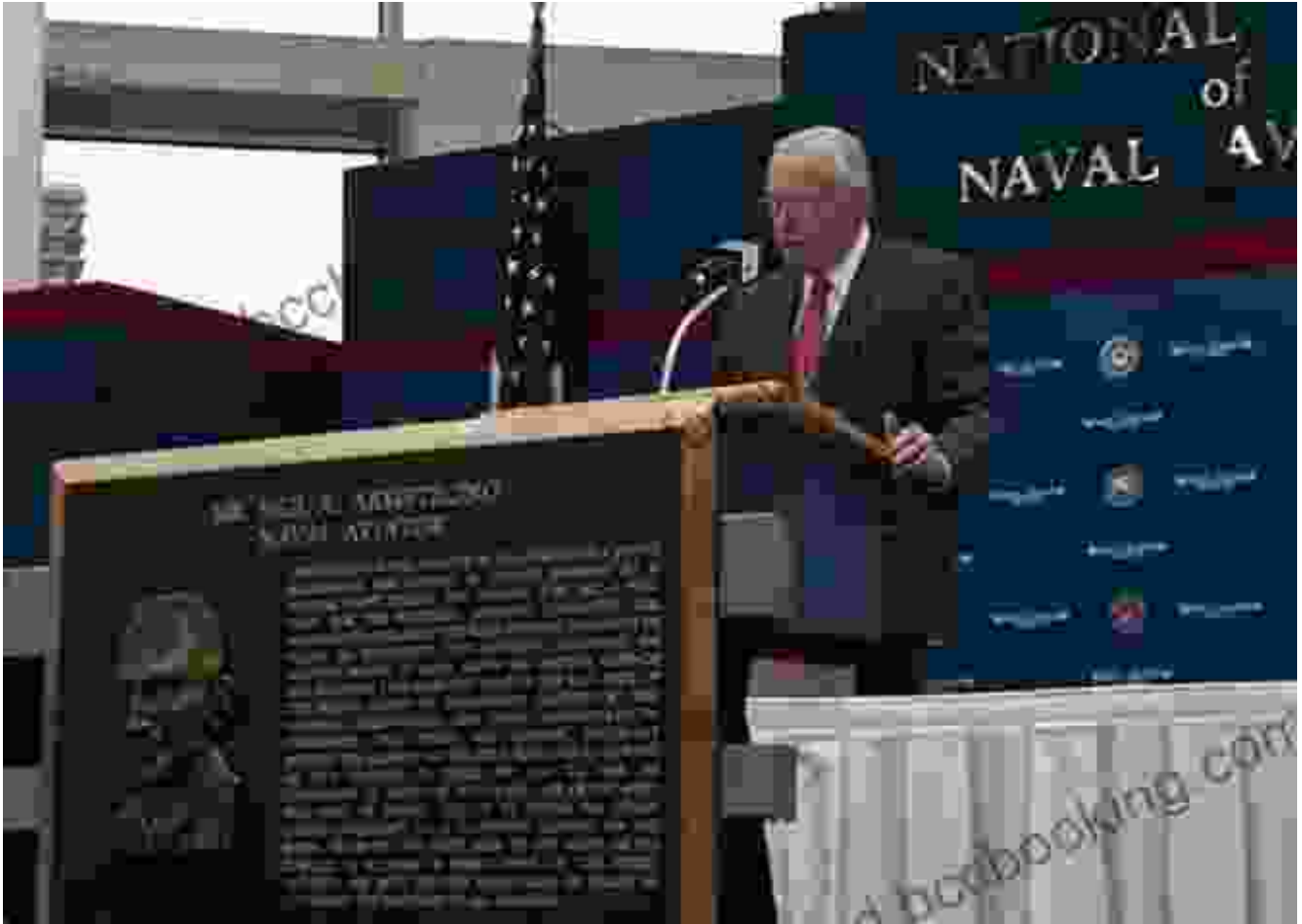
Neil Armstrong was a true pioneer and a hero to many. His accomplishments will continue to inspire generations to come.

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Neil Armstrong receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Richard Nixon.



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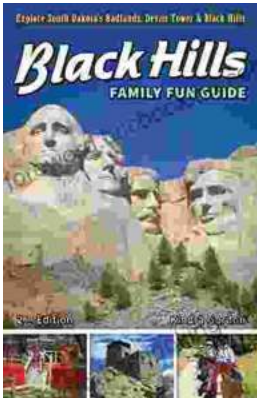
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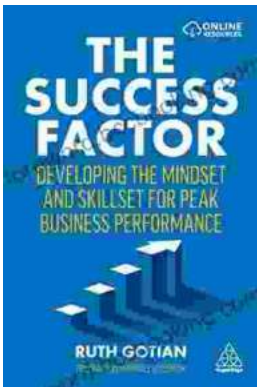
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