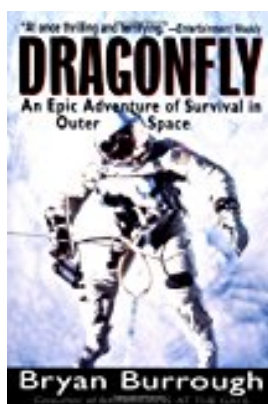


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who would be astronauts must run a gauntlet of hazings, are judged professionally on their personal lives, and win flight assignments through serendipity as often as through hard work. NASA is controlled by cliques and cults of personality: "People don't speak out, because George makes short work of you if you do.... If you get on his bad side, you won't get a flight assignment...." There are "issues dealing with training and the selection of crews that you don't dare speak up about." The down-to-the-last-bolt descriptions of life aboard the station, from what the air smells like to an explanation of "penguin suits" to the distance between the dinner table and the original, now seldom-used toilet--2 feet--will thrill space enthusiasts. Space may not be "where no man has gone before" anymore, but it nevertheless provides endless dream fodder for those of us left behind on Earth. --*Jhana Bach* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**From Library Journal** Enthusiasts who followed the 1997 crises aboard Mir, an orbiting Russian space station, knew of the many mishaps. *Dragonfly* is a timely retelling of what transpired when American astronauts joined the Russians on Mir, as well as their background, training, and personalities. The Americans realized too late that they knew little about the outpost's inner workings: its fluctuating temperatures, antifreeze-like pollution, oxygen depletion, repeated threat of power failure, etc. Some of this may exasperate a listener expecting adventure; a dangerous fire, a near-collision, and an actual crash with a spaceship supply the main suspense. Brian Murray, a skilled actor, cues a quote from any Russian by switching to a gruff accent. This set is recommended for popular collections where an interest in space exploration is high. AGordon Blackwell, Rochester, NY

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