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## DVD Review: Apollo XI

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As a reviewer I think I have a moral obligation to winge about something. And in this case I am going to pick on the title of this wonderful DVD. The actual moon landing (Apollo XI) is given scant coverage, but, the how it all came to fruition is well covered in this 'must have' disc. From the time I was a little kid, my drug of choice has always been space exploration. I was enamored from the opening credits with Apollo XI. What is not to love from watching archival footage of the very best quality, of truly historical events? This documentary explores the Mercury, Gemini, and the hugely successful Apollo missions that put a man on the moon.

Tom Baker (Dr Who) supplies the dialog, and archival footage is the backdrop to this really wonderful 90 minutes of entertainment. It is amazing that the 'Eagle has landed' occurred nearly 40 years ago. It might have been "One small step for a man, and one giant leap for mankind", to me it represented all that was good in the world. I was 14 years old, and because I lived in England I had to stay up all night to watch the event (prime time in the US is not prime time in England).

What I really liked was the exploration of the very early days of rocket development. Wernher von Braun was without doubt the pivotal creator, his development of the V2 is the starting point for everyone else. After WWII his work in the US provided the stepping stones to the stars.

I really enjoyed this DVD, the historical footage is amazing. One of the great mysteries of space endeavors has to be Gus Grissom, did he blow the hatch or not? He maintained a solid "NO" as his response when asked that question. Personally I am not so sure, NASA does a great job of quality control. I find it doubtful that they would have a failure like that.

If you are a fan of space stuff, this is a must have DVD. Jan (my wife who I make suffer through all of my reviews) and I give this one a 'Two Rocket Boosters' up!

You can get Apollo XI from [MVD](#).

Simon Barrett

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