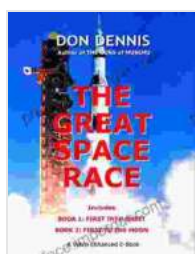


# The Great Space Race

## A Journey to the Stars

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The Soviets took the early lead in the space race, sending cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin into orbit around the Earth in 1961. However, the United States soon caught up, and in 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth. The race to the moon was now on.

In 1969, the United States finally achieved its goal of landing a man on the moon. Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the surface of the moon. This event was a major triumph for the United States and a turning point in the space race.

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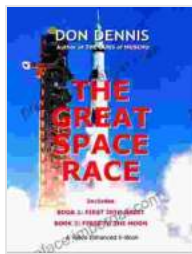
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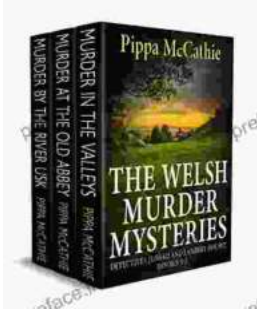
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