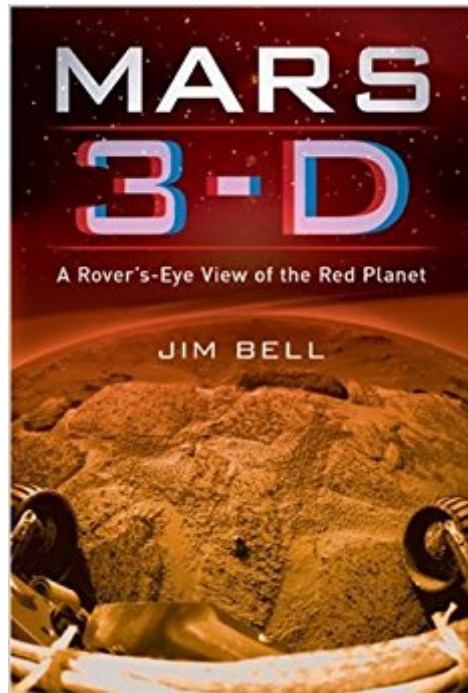


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Mars 3-D: A Rover's-Eye View Of The Red Planet



Synopsis

What would it be like to visit Mars—to explore the distinctive, untouched terrain that inspired astronomers and stirred so many sci-fi writers' imaginations? Two highly capable robotic geologists—Spirit and Opportunity—made that amazing voyage, and spent the last four years roaming the Red Planet's unique landscape. Thanks to 120 stunning 3-D and color images shot by these rovers, we can come along—and right now, it's the closest we can get to actually setting foot on Mars. These super-realistic pictures pop off the page, allowing us to see for ourselves the rocks, craters, valleys, and other geologic configurations that define the Martian terrain. Compelling and accessible text guides us on this exhilarating tour, revealing the thrill of each discovery, along with the perils and near misses. Featuring a fold-out flap with embedded 3-D viewer (which actually allows customers to view the three-dimensional images right in the store), it's the perfect gift for any armchair astronomer. "Jim Bell takes us on an extraordinary journey across often mysterious, sometimes perilous, and always fascinating Martian terrain. A must-read for anyone who's ever dreamed of exploring the Red Planet."--Buzz Aldrin, Apollo 11 astronaut "See this other world like no one before you could. . . make discoveries that fiction writers only dream about!"--Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," and member of the Mars team "Bell has accomplished the impossible—he has brought the surface of Mars down to Earth."--Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist, American Museum of Natural history Author of The Pluto Files "Experience Mars as never before . . . the next best thing to going there."--Ann Druyan, co-writer COSMOS, co-creator, Contact "These images transport us Earthlings to new depths of Martian discoveries."--Dava Sobel, author, Longitude and Galileo's Daughter

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Customer Reviews

This is one of the more ingenious and creative books I've seen in a long time. Chock full of great facts and information about the Mars rovers, the Mars project, and Mars itself. The photos are the real gem, though. Built-in 3D glasses fold out from an inside-cover flap and transport you to the surface of Mars via a ton of 3D images (acquired by the rovers). Mars is, needless to say, both alien and mesmerizing. Truly one of the most enjoyable astronomy books on the market for kids and adults. Great fun.

Not what I expected. Being a 3-D geek, and reading that the glasses were built into the book, lead me to believe that the photos would be stereo pairs, and not anaglyph, where you wear the red/blue lenses type of glasses. The photos are well done, as is the book, but they are anaglyph images. Had the book been stereo pairs of photographs, and not anaglyph, then it would have been a 5 star book

Since my name is now on Mars at Gusev Crater (Spirit) and at Meridiani Planum (Opportunity) on a DVD courtesy The Planetary Society I was especially interested in this book. It is a detailed and exciting account of the explorations of two robot geologists with stereoscopic vision and other human-like sensors. These sensors enabled their Earth-bound controllers (and readers of this book!) to remotely study Mars while giving them a sense of actually being there. Spirit and Opportunity as well as the much larger and more complex Curiosity rover will have provided future human explorers and settlers with invaluable information as to the nature of the most Earth-like planet in the Solar System.

Excellent book with lots of great 3-D photo's. The glasses that came with it worked pretty well, but I opted to buy a better pair. The book is well worth the money, and I would recommend it for anyone who wonder what it would feel like to actually stand on Mars.

Mars 3-D: A Rover's-Eye View of the Red Planet (Hardcover) was an excellent compilation of 3D photo's which only required some good 3D glasses (which are available from) to make it work. The only negative thing I can say is that the book's glasses, which have been integrated with the cover,

do not make the photo's come to life the way a real pair can. NASA also maintains a web site of 3D mars photo's which will also work very well with standard 3D glasses, however, this book has compiled an excellent collection and saved you much hunting on the web for good quality 3D images of mars.

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