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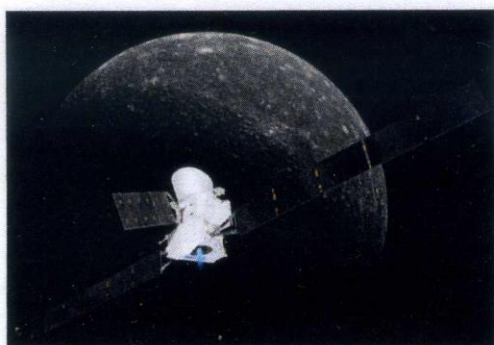
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The first European Mission to Mercury



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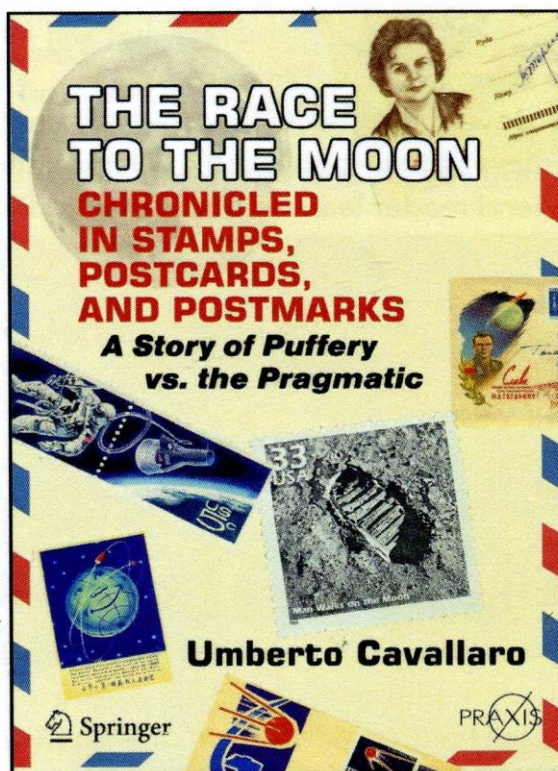


BOOKSHELF

The President of the Italian Astrophilatelic Society *AS.IT.AF (Associazione Italiana Astrofilatelia)*, Umberto Cavallaro, has published a new book on the history of the Race to the Moon.

This is *the Story of Puffery vs. the Pragmatic* in the race to the Moon between the United States and Russia in the sixties of past century.

The book covers the story from the first triggers from Sputnik over the Man in Space for both countries, to the changed directions in the space race. When the astronaut sits in the driver's seat, technological developments are big, until two tragedies block the race in space. The final leap is of course the landing of two astronauts on the Moon and safely returning home. The last chapter talks about the philatelic side of Apollo 11 and the Insurance Covers. The preface is by Walter Cunningham, Apollo 7 astronaut.



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This handsome book reads like a novel and brings several seldom know facts about this Race to the Moon, especially marked on gray print in the book. The book measures 17x24 cm and has pictures of stamps, covers, postcards and oter material on this mission, divided over 340 pages and published by Springer Verlag and is available at the webshop from the publisher www.springer.com .