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This was very informative and interesting to read. I really liked that the authors of each chapter explained things in a way that is easy to understand. It was also fascinating to learn about how psychology's role changed throughout the history of space exploration.

Through essays on topics including survival in extreme environments and the multicultural dimensions of exploration, readers will gain an understanding of the psychological challenges that have faced the space program since its earliest days. An engaging read for those interested in space, history, and psychology alike, this is a highly relevant read as we stand poised on the edge of a new era of spaceflight. Each essay also explicitly addresses the history of the psychology of space exploration.

Coalition for Space Exploration --September 24, 2011  
Psychology of Space Exploration, Edited by Douglas Vakoch, NASA History Series SP-2011- 4411, Government Printing Office (GPO); (Hardcover) \$27.00; (Paperback) \$23.00; Washington, D.C.; 2011.  
You're going to find a rich, motherload of information here regarding a topic that is given little spotlight. As the book notes, early missions into space were short jaunts, and crews were small, often drawn from a single nation. But as an intensely competitive space race has given way to international cooperation over the decades, the challenges of communicating across cultural boundaries and dealing with interpersonal conflicts have become increasingly important, requiring different coping skills and sensibilities far different than the the right stuff of early astronauts. Vakoch has done a commendable job here, bringing together a wealth of observations, sectioned in bitable contents that tell the tale: Surviving and Thriving in Extreme Environments; Managing Interpersonal Conflict in Space; and Multicultural Dimensions of Space Exploration. To say this book is a distinctive, often forgotten aspect of human space travel, is an understatement. As detailed, there is the right stuff of the early astronauts. But moving outward, hopefully on a routine basis beyond Earth orbit back to and beyond the Moon to more distant locales well, that will invoke psychosocial stresses on expeditionary crews. These challenges are wonderfully addressed in this book by a number of leading experts in the field. But as explained in an introductory chapter, repeated references to psychology are one thing, but understanding and managing human behavior in space is an interdisciplinary effort one that draws from architecture and design, engineering, biology, medicine, anthropology, sociology, communications, and organizational studies. Thanks goes to Vakoch for his dedication to this field, and in bringing so many important contributions forward in this book and elsewhere. Check this book out and for you fellow space travel wannabes don't leave home without it!  
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