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# H.W. Wilson Announces The Reference Shelf: Space Exploration

From Yuri Gagarin's 1961 journey to outer space, which marked the first time a human had ever ventured outside of Earth's atmosphere, to the modern-day privatization of space and the growing space tourism industry, the topic of space exploration has prompted both excitement and debate in the public sphere for decades.

The Reference Shelf: Space Exploration looks at a variety of relevant topics including the psychological hazards of spaceflight, the costs and benefits of space exploration, mining in space, space tourism, AI in space exploration, and more.

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- Earth from Space
- Private and Commercial Space Exploration
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- To Mars and Beyond

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The Reference Shelf: Space Exploration

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