

## A fascinating moment in history

and the climax of a spellbinding adventure – on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1969, men set foot on the moon for the first time ever. Alexis von Croy describes the riveting story of the race between the superpowers of the USA and the USSR, at the time deeply entrenched in cold war conflict, as the adventurous voyage of discovery as well as the extraordinary scientific achievement it undoubtedly was. Who were these men, who were the first to set out to conquer another celestial body? What astoundingly complex technology was behind their mission? What setbacks and risks did they encounter, and how did they overcome them?

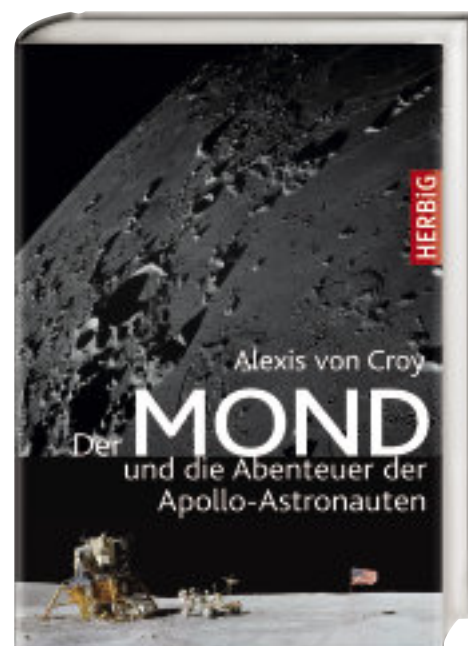
And what of the moon itself? How did Earth's only natural satellite come into being? What is its significance for our blue planet? Based on painstakingly thorough research and introducing many hitherto unknown technical details, Alexis von Croy throws light on one of the most intriguing chapters in the history of science, and of mankind itself.

### →The definitive reference work to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first lunar landing



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