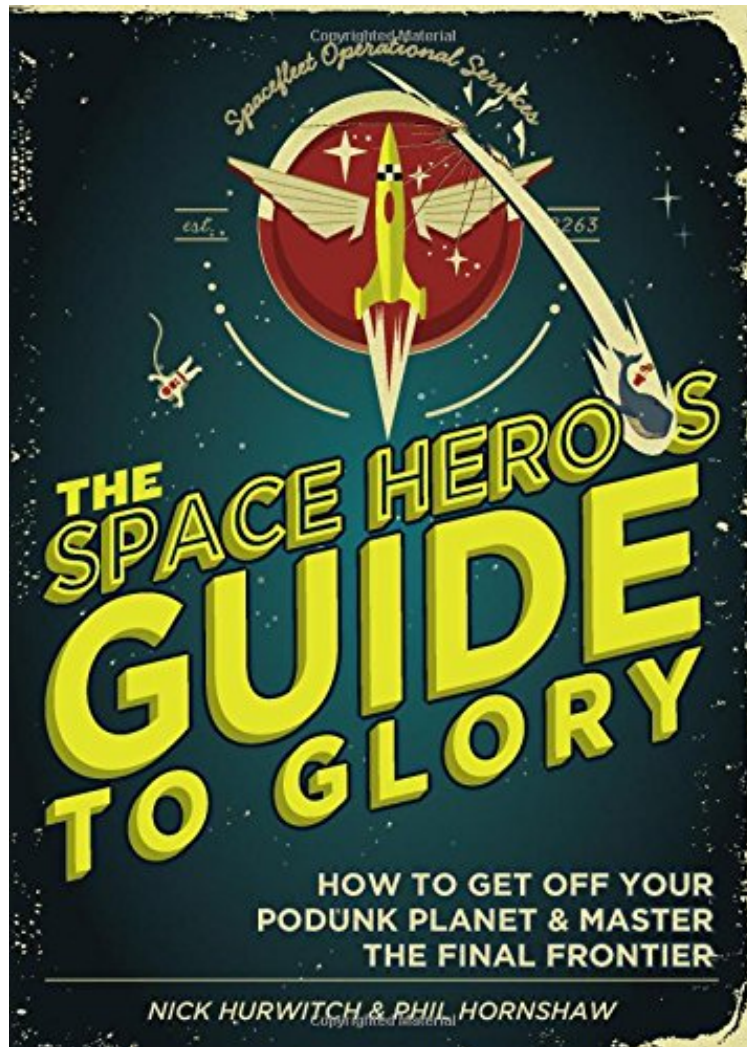


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clever way to fit in some popular series, they *know* the show, book, or movie they're talking about. You will continually find yourself impressed with how they easily reference some obscure show that barely lasted the whole season on Fox (no, the other show) in a way that not only makes you say "hey! I loved that show," but also a way that *fits*. It's also satisfying to see how the authors effectively treat all of sci-fi-dom as a single, connected universe-- every time the Galactic Empire gets compared to the Padishah Empire, I would get a little grin on my face. This is a fast read that can easily be picked up and put down as time allows, so you can either cruise through it in a days, or leave it on your desk for when you've got ten minutes to kill. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Worth your time. By Christopher This is a great book. Well written and funny to boot! 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Fabulous Space Fun By Elizabeth (I received a free copy of this book from a giveaway on Goodreads. The opinions shared are mine and mine alone.) I've spent my life surrounded by engineers and future engineers. With those types, there usually comes a love of all things space, especially in regards to science fiction. As a result, I've gotten to see and enjoy many sci-fi series and movies that I might not otherwise have selected. That background came in very handy as I read *The Space Hero's Guide to Glory*. As I laughed my way through the pages, I often thought of many friends and family members whom I knew would love this book. There are many ways one could describe the humor in this work: tongue-in-cheek, satirical, intellectual, and definitely warped. It's not just the occasional great one-liner. The book is packed from start to finish with all kinds of amusement. One of my favorite lines in the book is about how [bad hair, by contrast, has been the cause of every worst-Space scenario from mutiny to painful midtryst injury (77). This line comes amid advice about space hero fashion and facial hair styles, truly important components to becoming a space hero. The book also did a great job of explaining what my ex referred to as technobabble. Working from theories such as Sir Isaac Newton's three laws of motion and Isaac Asimov's three laws of robotics, the authors endeavor to explain phenomenon such as photon torpedoes and warp drives. They actually did help me understand a few things I'd never tried to grasp before. They also helped me to contemplate ideas like using human feces as a shield against space radiation, something that never would have crossed my mind without the assistance of this book. While chapters 11 and 12 got a bit too science heavy for me, even the authors admit, In all honesty, somewhere within this chapter is when most Space Hero recruits drop out and go live with their parents or start applying to grad schools (147). The book is designed to look like a scuffed up pocket book. It's the perfect size for a stocking stuffer for your favorite space nerd. Some might find the profanity and sexual innuendos in the book inappropriate to share with teens, but I had no problem giving it to my teenage son who was impatiently waiting for me to finish reading it so he could have his turn. Readers will enjoy the book far more if they have a general familiarity of the space genre including canonical works such as *Star Wars*, *Star Trek* in its many incarnations, *Firefly*, *Battlestar Gallactica*, and more.

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About the Author Nick Hurwitch plans, in the unlikely event that he ever dies, to sidestep astronaut training and have his body jettisoned into Space. Until that time, he plans to write as many screenplays, video games and books as possible, and asks that you donate generously to the Nick Hurwitch Space Burial Fund. He lives in Los Angeles with his almost-wife, Amanda.