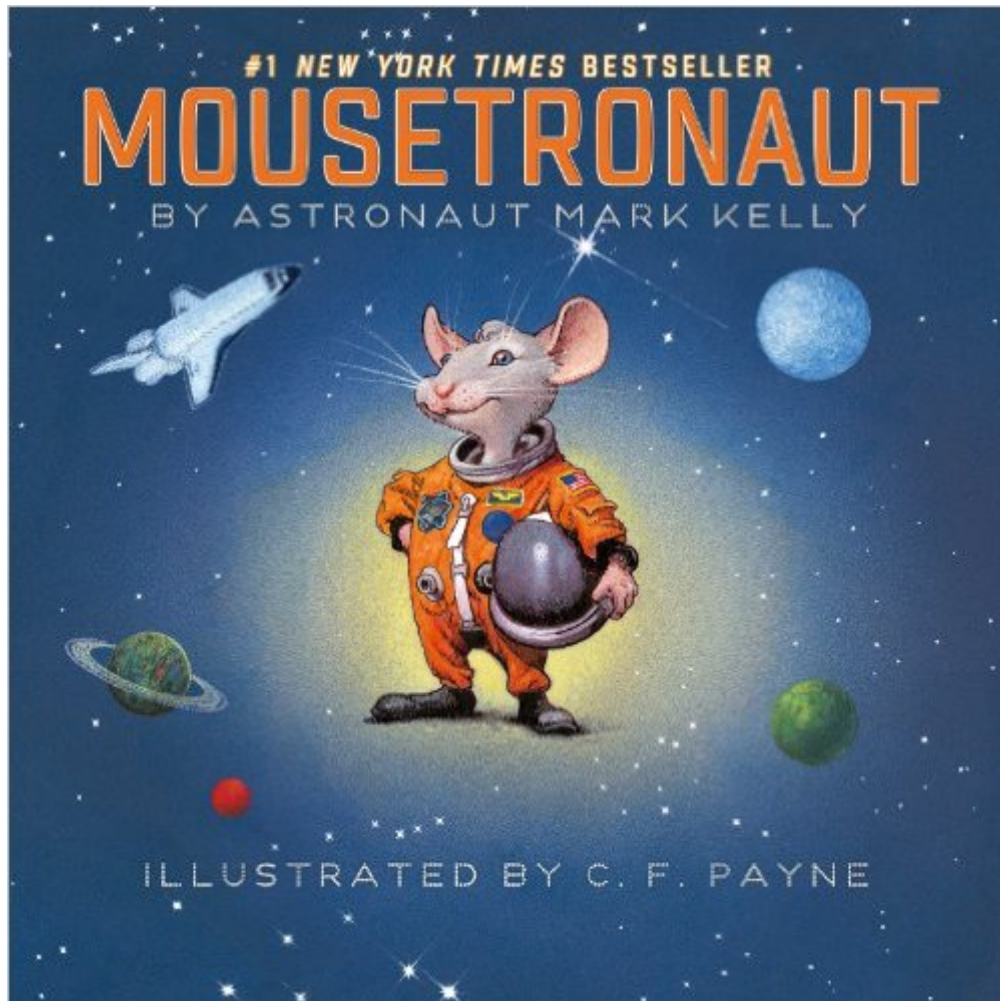


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# Mousetronaut: Based On A (Partially) True Story (Paula Wiseman Books)



## Synopsis

>Astronaut Mark Kelly flew with a mouse-tronauts • on his first spaceflight aboard space shuttle Endeavour in 2001. Mousetronaut tells the story of a small mouse that wants nothing more than to travel to outer space. The little mouse works as hard as the bigger mice to show readiness for the mission . . . and is chosen for the flight! While in space, the astronauts are busy with their mission when disaster strikesâ"and only the smallest member of the crew can save the day. With lively illustrations by award-winning artist C. F. Payne, Mousetronaut is a charming tale of perseverance, courage, and the importance of the small!

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## Customer Reviews

Astronaut Mark Kelly has crafted a charming tale (or should that be, "tail") inspired by the mice that flew with him on his first spaceflight, mission STS-108 on space shuttle Endeavour in 2001.

Together with illustrator C.F. Payne's wonderful images, "Mousetronaut" should launch kids' dreams of floating in space."Mousetronaut" looks to be a great way to introduce young children to the concept of spaceflight and how teamwork is the "key" to mission success.Hopefully, this will be the first of many space adventures for Meteor, the Mousetronaut.

My brother and sister-in-law sent my girls this book purely because of the name according to my brother. My girls (5 and 2 1/2) were delighted with the adventures of Meteor the Mouse. This book was a fun, imaginative story with interesting pictures and a great way to introduce the idea of space flight in a way kids can absorb. After the main story there is a section on how a real mouse on one of Mark Kelly's Endeavour Missions inspired the story as well as some of the history behind space flight and some of the necessities that go with space travel. For the full review and others visit [whymysylikesbooks dot blogspot dot com](http://whymysylikesbooks.blogspot.com)

A space mission is getting ready to leave, and everyone is excited. Along with all the astronauts, six mice will get to go on the mission as well. Meteor is the smallest of the mice, and he really wants to go on the mission so he has been working really hard. When it is time to decide, five of the biggest and strongest mice are chosen, but because of his hard work so is Meteor. During the space mission the key to the control panel gets stuck in a crack. None of the astronauts can get it out, but Meteor is small and wants to be helpful. Will Meteor save the mission? Mousetronaut is perfect for the budding astronaut with striking illustrations and a fun storyline. Written by Astronaut Mark Kelly, Mousetronaut is inspired by one of the mice on his first mission in space aboard the Endeavour in 2001. Included at the end of the book is a brief afterword by Mark Kelly that includes a brief history of the space program and life as an astronaut. Recommended for readers age 4-8. [baseballvalbooks.wordpress.com](http://baseballvalbooks.wordpress.com)

Excellent book, very cute. Gotta get the kids interested in the Space program, and this book will definitely help. I like that it's even a semi-true story!

My son received this book as a gift from a friend. He loves the idea of outer space. This was a very sweet story about how someone small can do big things. I loved it so much that I bought it as a present and for my son's classroom.

My almost 4 year old son loves this book. For his preschool, I bring in books for the kids every two weeks and this was also a hit with those kids. I think the little kids relate to the little mouse in the story and appreciate that he's a hero. My son's favorite part is the take-off part with the countdown. This book got him really interested in space ships, which is great!

Great book with a great message - You are never too small, too young, etc to be helpful and have purpose! I love that it was written by an astronaut and that he got the idea for his book when he observed the mice on his real space mission. Mouse's name is Meteor - loved it! Great illustrations! Facts in the back teach kids how animals were used in space. I read this aloud to elementary students grades 1-5 . They all enjoyed it and had great "I wonder" questions about our space program!

This was a cute story and as for my two boys, they love everything space shuttle. We enjoyed the story and it helps with make believe play too (spoiler alert: they find a play key and suddenly they are heros!). It is lacking in quality dialogue, which I think is what makes a children's story. If you like wonderful stories for kids about mice check out Broderick and Ben and Me. These are much more rich.

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