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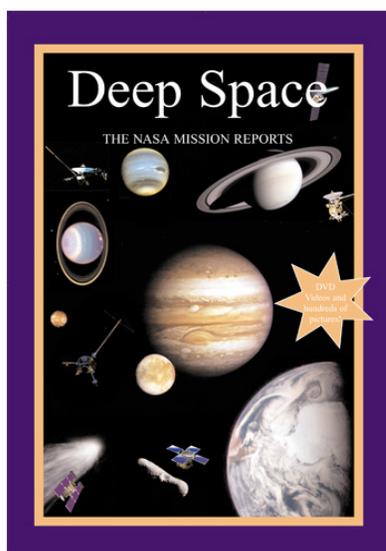
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Godwin, Robert, comp. **Deep Space: The NASA Mission Reports**, comp. by Robert Godwin and Steve Whitfield. Apogee Books, 2005. 431p DVD-ROM ISBN 1894959159 pbk, \$34.95

Earlier this year, the *Huygens* probe landed on Titan, an icy moon of Saturn. This was the first time that a spacecraft was on the moon of another planet, and a new world was opened through the images sent from *Huygens*. Godwin and Whitfield focus here on the spectacular success of unmanned space probes in the solar system from the *Pioneer* and *Voyager* missions of the 1970s to the present *Cassini-Huygens* probe and include a few future missions. Most of the material has been assembled from NASA public documents such as press kits and information sheets. In the center of the book are a set of color photographs taken by the planetary probes as well as images of the spacecraft hardware. An interesting double-sided DVD comes with the book. Side 1 has the official NASA films, which include the launch of the probes and the scientific background of the missions. Side 2 has many additional NASA documents (in PDF format) about the missions plus some movies in MPEG format. A great book for space enthusiasts. **Summing up:** Highly recommended. General readers. -- *J. Z. Kiss, Miami University*



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