

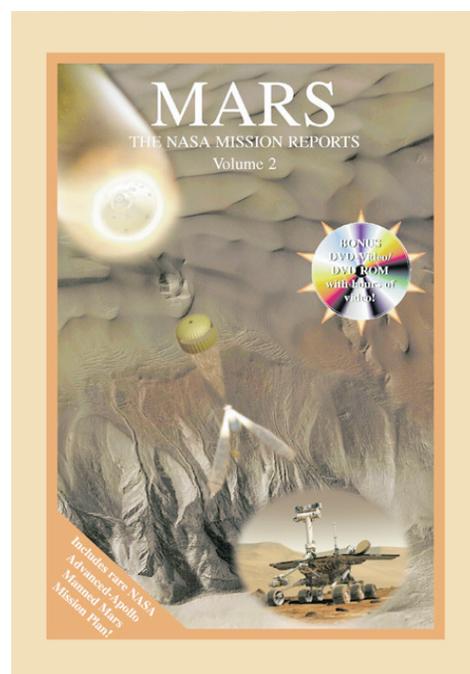
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Mars: The NASA Mission Reports, Vol 2

Robert Godwin, ed. (Apogee Books, 2004). 414 pages. ISBN 1-894959-05-1. \$28.95, paperbound. If you religiously followed every recent spacecraft mission to the red planet but are afraid that you may have nevertheless missed something, then here's your salvation. Robert Godwin has compiled all the press releases and mission updates about Mars Global Surveyor, Mars Odyssey, Mars Express, and the Spirit and Opportunity rovers into one volume. And he didn't skimp on the illustrations. The press kits come complete with their diagrams, and the glossy pages include plenty of spacecraft imagery, as well as a foldout of several rover panoramas. If that isn't enough, a double-sided DVD contains animations, interviews, and several books (NASA Special Publications). Among the documents you probably haven't seen are the NASA reports that outline bold plans to send a four-person crew to fly by Mars and Venus during the 1970s.



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