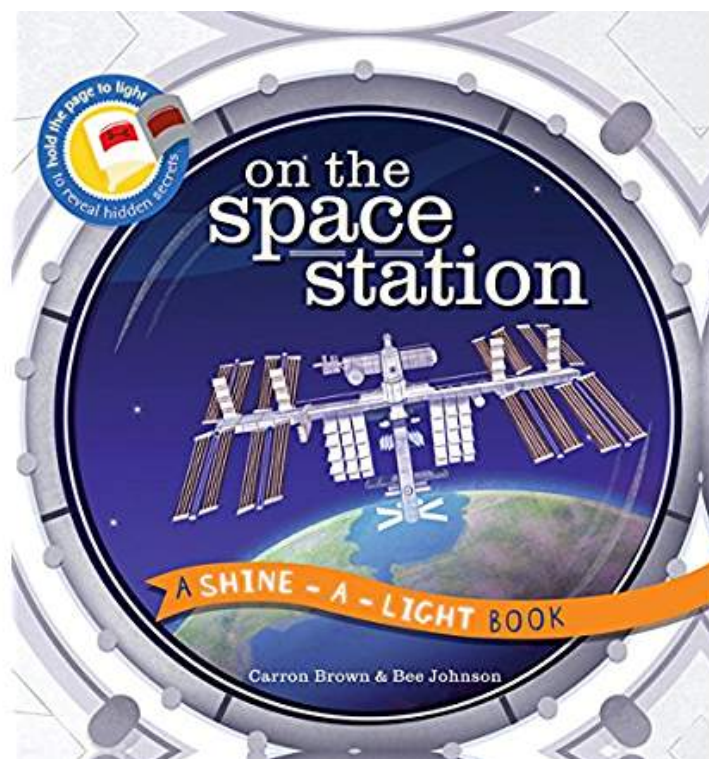


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**Review of *On the Space Station*  
By Carron Brown  
Illustrated by Bee Johnson**

Adult/ Educator Reviewer: Deb Kelt  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Student Review: Izzy Kelt-Hancock, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade



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## Adult Review: Deb Kelt

This book is about the lives of astronauts on a space station. It shows how they dock on the station, how they sleep, what they eat, how they exercise and what they do on the station. The book also allows the reader to “see” space by shining a flashlight behind each page. Little silhouettes appear giving the page a different image from behind.

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My son and I picked this book as he prefers non-fiction, and it seemed to be a topic that was close to other books he likes – books about unexplained mysteries, about dinosaurs, about rocks and such. None of the books were right up his ally, but this one seemed closest to the things he likes. He has pretty specific taste in books.

I think this book may appeal to boys or girls who have an interest in space travel or other real-world yet unusual topics. I can see this book appealing to kids who are interested in historical heroes like Amelia Earhart or the Wright Brothers, or even fictional topics like Star Wars.

I think this book would very much appeal to kids who enjoy interactive texts – like pop-up books. That was Isaac’s favorite part – he loved doing the flashlight thing. In fact, he started telling his own stories with the flashlight images.

I think the written text to this was pretty darn dry, and a bit too simplistic for a kid interested in this topic. Maybe it would be better for a younger kid? My son is 8, and I think he felt like the text was boring. It just didn’t have much voice, not much pizzazz, not much feeling.

Like I said, he enjoyed this book most when he started telling his own stories with the flashlight.

Seems like someone got an idea for the flashlight gimmick and then built text around this idea.

## Student Review: Izzy Kelt-Hancock

Izzy chose to review this interactive book, *On the Space Station* through a short book talk video.

In his digital review, Izzy will tell you his rating of the book, read a small excerpt, preview the illustrations, talk about kids he knows that would enjoy the book, and show off the special features of the text. Because he is a “complex guy,” Izzy comments on the parts he really appreciated and the parts he didn’t connect with. For example, Izzy shared that “I love the book, but I’m not a fan of going to space.” The features of this text, which comes from the Kane Miller Shine-A-Light Series, lend themselves to a video demonstration. Please follow [the link](#) to hear what Izzy has to say.

“The book has cool things, like for example...”