



Public Loneliness: Yuri Gagarin s Circumlunar Flight (Paperback)

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Tortoise Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. October, 1967. Yuri Gagarin sits atop a Proton rocket, ready to launch. After several turbulent years in the public eye, he s been chosen in secrecy to captain the Soviet Union s latest space spectacular: the first manned flight around the moon. The second story in the Altered Space series, Public Loneliness is a detailed and imaginative look at a country and a space program with a curious schizophrenia regarding publicity and secrecy. Based on extensive research, it s also a lively and literary story that references familiar classics (like Hemingway s The Old Man and the Sea) and forgotten landmarks of Soviet socialist realism, while also touching on universal themes of adventure, alcoholism, heroism and shame. It s a compelling look behind the massive posters at the all-too-real man who led the human race into space.



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