Women Who Explored Space and Beyond

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
By Margot Lee Shetterly, Illustrated by Laura Freeman
These four our black women helped do what seemed impossible. NASA hired them to do the math that would one day send the United States into space!

Counting the Stars: The Story of Katherine Johnson, NASA Mathematician
By Lesa Cline-Ransome, Illustrated by Raul Colon
Katherine worked at NASA in a human computing group. She helped NASA successfully launch flights and eventually to the moon!

Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Lander
By Dean Robbins
Margaret was fascinated by the stars in the sky and wanted answers. She joined NASA and wrote code for the computer commands on the Apollo Missions.

You Should Meet Mae Jemison
By Laurie Calkhoven, Illustrated by Monique Dong
Mae decided to change her career in order to follow her dreams. She became the first African American female astronaut.

Who Was Sally Ride?
By Megan Stine
Sally Ride had a dream to go into space and was determined to be able to. Through all her hard work she became the first American woman astronaut to fly in space.

Galaxy Girls: 50 Amazing Stories of Women in Space
By Libby Jackson
This book includes many stories about women who helped with some of the biggest moments in space exploration.

To the Stars: The First American Woman to Walk in Space
By Carmella Van Vleet, Dr. Kathy Sullivan, Illustrated by Nicole Wong
Kathy was fascinated with aircrafts as a young girl, and wanted to travel around in them and see the world. She didn’t let anyone hold her back, and became the first woman to walk in space!

The Stuff Between the Stars: How Vera Rubin Discovered Most of the Universe
By Sandra Nickel, Illustrated by Aimee Sicuro
Vera had a love for the night sky which sparked her career in astronomy. No one believed her ideas about the night sky, but she ended up changing how we view the night sky forever.

Annie Jump Cannon, Astronomer
By Carole Gerber, Illustrated by Christina Wald
Annie always had a love for the stars, as a kid she would identify all the constellations with her mother. She pursued this into her career which included her classifying all of the stars.

What Miss Mitchell Saw
By Hayley Barrett, Illustrated by Diana Sudyka
Miss Mitchell stood on her rooftop every evening to look up at the stars. One day she sees something that she has never seen before, and makes a discovery in the world of astronomy.

Recommended for children ages 5-8