



# International Space Station

## Architecture Beyond Earth

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- A history of the International Space Station, through the lens of its architectural design
- Foreword by NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott
- Perfect for space enthusiasts, as well as anyone with an interest in challenging architectural problem-solving

"If you are a space fan, fascinated by the kind of venture the International Space Station represents, this book is an absolute must, full of juicy details and intriguing insights." – *Popular Science*, March 2016 In 1984 President Ronald Reagan gave NASA the go-ahead to build a Space Station. A generation later, the International Space Station is an established and highly successful research centre in Earth's orbit. The history of this extraordinary project is a complex weave of powerful threads – political, diplomatic, financial and technological among them – but none is more fascinating than the story of its design. This book provides the first comprehensive account of the International Space Station's conception, development and assembly in space. As a highly accessible chronicle of a complex piece of design and engineering, it will appeal to readers far beyond the space field. NASA Astronaut Nicole Stott, a veteran of International Space Station Expeditions 20 and 21 and Shuttle Missions STS-128, STS-129 and STS-133, introduces the book with a personal memoir: *A Home in Space*.

**David Nixon** is an architect with a particular interest in designing for space exploration. In 1978 he co-founded Future Systems with Jan Kaplicky and was among a handful of architects invited to work on the design of the International Space Station. He later established an office in Los Angeles to focus on work across the space field. In 2000 he formed Astrocourier to develop miniature spaceflight experiments for schools. This book is the result of seven years' research.