

How amazing would it be to have a dad who's an astronaut?

Rocket launches, zero gravity, and flying through space like a superhero! Jamie Drake's dad is orbiting the Earth in the International Space Station and Jamie ought to think it's cool but he just really misses him...

Hanging out at his local observatory, Jamie picks up a strange signal on his phone. It looks like alien life is getting closer to home. But space is a dangerous place and when his dad's mission goes wrong, can Jamie prove that he's a hero too?

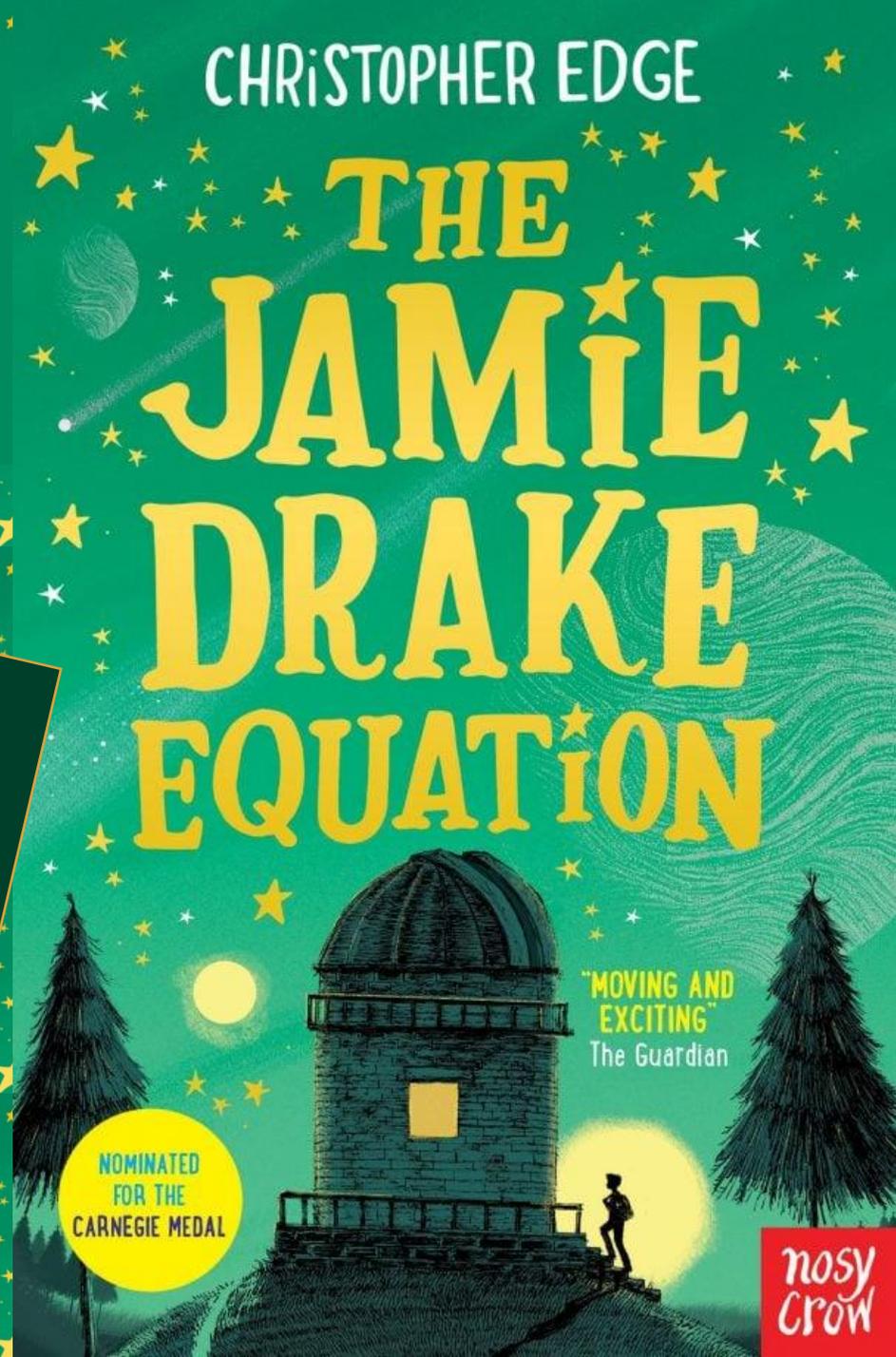
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Key vocabulary:

Interdimensional — existing or travelling between dimensions of space or time
Orbit — the curved path of a celestial object or spacecraft round a star, planet or moon
ISS — International Space Station
Pyrotechnics — a firework display; a brilliant performance or display of a specified skill
Intergalactic — situated in or relating to the spaces between galaxies



An astronaut is a person who is specially trained to travel into outer space. Astronauts aboard a spacecraft may have different responsibilities. Typically there is a commander who leads the mission and a pilot. Other positions may include flight engineer, payload commander, mission specialist, and science pilot.

Astronauts have to undergo extensive training and testing before they can participate in a spaceflight. They must show that they can handle the physical rigors from the high gravity of launch to the weightlessness of orbit. They also must be technically knowledgeable and able to handle stressful situations that may arise during the mission.



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