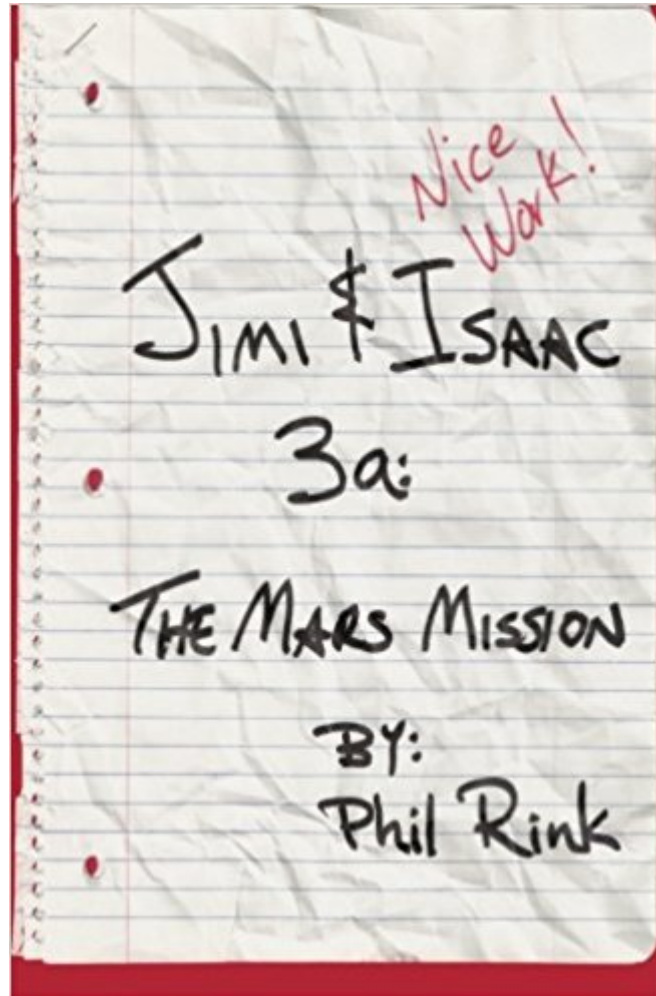




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# Jimi & Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission



## Synopsis

Introverted Jimi and brilliant but obnoxious Isaac pester their billionaire buddy Ash Berg into letting them "jazz up" his space expedition. Ash plays along, knowing they will fail and learn from their failure. Isaac prefers to make a limited but credible effort and claim a limited but credible victory. Middle school has plenty of other things to do that are more fun than failing. Jimi wants more - but good help is hard to find. He takes the challenge seriously as he fails and learns and fails some more. Jimi eventually comes up with something that's not completely stupid, and is ready to send his idea to Mars. Too bad Jimi's rich friend has forgotten about the whole thing. Maybe Jimi did all that work for nothing. Full of information about space travel, inventing, and the business of science. Jimi and Isaac Books are strongly and unapologetically informative! Sometimes they read like an instruction manual, because the kids that read Jimi and Isaac Books read a lot of instruction manuals and non-fiction. They watch TV shows and YouTube videos about building stuff, and they don't hesitate to tear something apart to see how it works. Our hope is that a focused kid will pick up one of our books for the stated subject matter, and then trust Jimi and Isaac enough to follow them into another area of interest. In every book, a problem presents itself and the boys need to learn and work to solve the problem. They fail constantly, struggle to recover, and success is often a less limited failure. The books are short and fast moving so more readers can succeed, but they are not simple books. They're full of information and intellectual challenges. Book Report: "Jimi and Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission" is a book whereby my supposedly best friend Jimi Peterson tells about how he built a space probe that flew to Mars. The whole thing was bought and paid for by the very rich Ash Berg. The book is about us while we're in middle school, but it ends on the first day of high school. It's mostly about how great Jimi is. Other than the obvious errors that Jimi made like he somehow forgot that the whole thing was my idea, this is a pretty good book for kids to read because there isn't any nudity or sexual pornography. If I didn't know about the lying about me part I would like the book because there's a lot of science and thinking involved, and a lot of stuff happens that is mostly pretty real except the part about me. -Isaac

Farmer

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Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

"Highly recommended...absolutely fantastic...Compelling characters and good science." - howtogrowyourgeek.net #99

Phil Rink is a Professional Mechanical Engineer, inventor (with eleven patents so far), entrepreneur, and science team and soccer coach. He's published a book on sailing the Caribbean, several magazine articles, and a few professional papers. He lives with his family in the upper left-hand corner of the United States of America.

What happens when a couple of seemingly ordinary middle school age boys decide to become rocket scientists in their spare time? This book is a fun-to-read tale about the incredible adventure of Jimi and Isaac, who are building a real Mars probe; and are working it in between soccer practice, Spanish tests and generally trying to stay out of trouble. The author has a wonderfully comedic ability to see the world through the eyes of an adolescent boy - whether dealing with annoying big sisters, conflicts with best friends, or embarrassing parents. And, inevitably, some valuable life lessons are learned along the way. Also impressive is the author's ability to explore and explain scientific concepts and product invention in ways that are fun and understandable, so that readers will learn something without even trying. An enjoyable read for both kids and their parents.

Jimi & Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission - I found myself laughing out loud at the antics of Jimi and Isaac, two boys that you sometimes have to wonder why they are even friends. Yet, as friends, they

come to an understanding about what makes their friendship tick. Mr. Rink has put together a story for intermediate age readers that puts together boys, science, humor, and intelligence, which means it is equal parts entertaining to anyone who reads this story. A story that can bring out the best in a literature circle for those interested in science and science fairs. If you are looking for a book for a boy who is a reluctant reader, try out Jimi and Isaac 3a: The Mars Mission. A sure hit!

As a science and technology teacher both in the U.S. public school and international school setting, I find great value in "Jimi & Isaac 3a". Mr. Rink does a superb job of tying the usual and unique feelings of Jimi as a young adolescent boy into the captivating story of a science fair runner up turned designer of an interplanetary probe and the life that goes along with that. I feel most of my students (especially middle school boys) can assimilate with the trials and success of Jimi. I am excited to share "Jimi and Isaac" with my students (especially prior to the school science fair to introduce them to scientific inquiry and design process) and peers!

Librarians, rejoice! Finally, here's a middle school book for boys who like science. Rockets, invention, music and friendship issues, all with a humorous overtone, will keep the boys reading and laughing until the end. Also, the 110+ pages are a selling point to boys who are reluctant readers. This book is a great addition to our middle school/high school library collection and I guarantee boys will be recommending it to each other.

My grandson, who is 11 years old, loved this book. He was hooked right away when he read in the summary that they told fart jokes. He says he could relate to the adventures and antics of Jimi and Isaac. He has recommended this book to his friends in class. He has a Science fair coming up, hope his project doesn't become this involve. My grandson wants to know when's the sequel coming out.

A great book which doesn't take forever to read but makes you want to read it to the end, even if you're the parent! Boys will definitely like it. It is an interesting subject without getting too complicated. The author has a way of capturing a thought or attitude of a character and shows the ability to identify with that age group. Buy it!! Wholesome and relevant and humorous too.

Phil Rink knows what makes kids - especially boys - laugh. My son, an avid reader of youth titles both classic and recent found this book to be truly entertaining. Science, adventure and humor -

what's not to like? Great fun.

Space: the final frontier  
Jimi: the 6th grader who built a probe to go to Mars  
How cool is that? Jimi is an aspiring saxophone player, who doesn't do very well in Spanish, enjoys his soccer team, and dabbles in rocket science. Hey, we all need hobbies, right? Almost as a joke, Jimi and his friend Issac take on a project to build something that would make space programs "less boring." With a fistful of cash and no idea where to start, the boys are going to Mars. Showing a great deal of teamwork, perseverance, humility, and forgiveness, Jimi builds a basic plan for a Mars probe. This is a great book for any young reader to dive into; Jimi has characteristics I wish many children had these days: respect for his parents, intelligence, inquisitiveness, determination, and dedication. There are a few places in the book where you chuckle a bit, but the majority of the story is based on the trials Jimi had to go through in order to reach a goal that many thought was unattainable by a young child. Never give up on dreams no matter how impossible they may seem.

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