

# The Darkest Dark

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It's 1969 and Chris is an astronaut, albeit a small one and only 10 years old.

He knew all about rockets, how they were built, how they worked – he built his own and even took them to bed with him. And not just to his bed but his parents' bed too because Chris you see crept from his own bed each night and into mum and dad because he was afraid of the dark.

Then came a very special, balmy, summer night when Chris was allowed stay up very late and he saw on the television to watch real life astronauts walk on the actual, far away moon.



Then he went outside into the dark and gazed at the bright, bulbous moon, brilliant against the darkest dark. A dream was kindled – that, he, Chris would, one day, walk on the moon.

Chris Hadfield overcame his fear, became an engineer, then an astronaut and, yes, walked on the moon.

The Darkest Dark, illustrated by the Fan Brothers, is a delightful read with engaging illustrations.

I didn't have to go out to buy this one – it was already sitting on my shelf, a much treasured copy signed by the author.

