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About the Author

Homer Hickam (also known as Homer H. Hickam, Jr.) is probably best known for his award-winning memoir *Rocket Boys* which was adapted into the ever-popular movie *October Sky*. Mr. Hickam has been a coal miner, Vietnam combat veteran, scuba instructor, NASA engineer, and now a best-selling author. For more information, please go to <http://www.homerhickam.com>.

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