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This is a bargain bumper assortment of space facts whose main selling point seems to be the 'over 40 web sites' whose addresses it provides. Now I am well over 40 and the website dimension thrills me not one whit, so I am happy to be able to read 'Computer not essential -- this book is a complete, superb self-contained information book by itself.' And 'by itself' is probably right, because although the doubtless admirable Paul Dowswell is credited as its author, so much of the book's make-up is provided by a galaxy of consultants, designers and 'digital manipulators' that it has the look of something auto-assembled. It does, however, provide good entertainment for space-ignorant or space-obsessed readers -- a good picture of a space-toilet for instance -- and a keyhole through which to unlock all that web information (which may be really good). So for those whose idea of fun is digital manipulation of their keyboards, this should be a good one to share at school or have on your own at home. It's a case of log-on or bog-off according to inclination.

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