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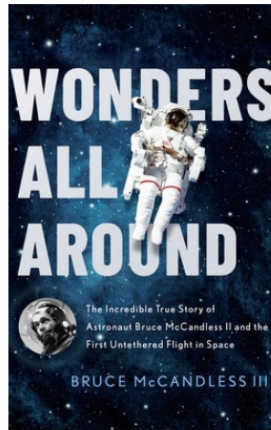
New book chronicles 'a leisurely waltz with eternity': the first untethered spacewalk

Austinite Bruce McCandless III's new book tells the story of his space-walking dad's famed flight and what it's like growing up the son of an astronaut.



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'Wonders All Around' is a new book by Austinite Bruce McCandless III about his dad, the astronaut Bruce McCandless II. [CREDIT: Bruce McCandless III]

You know Bruce McCandless' most famous moment, but you probably don't know his name.

McCandless is the astronaut who, in 1984, became the first untethered astronaut in space. He's the guy on those posters, mugs, shirts and everything else NASA could sell with the image of his "leisurely waltz with eternity," as his son calls it in his new book, "[Wonders All Around: The Incredible True Story of Astronaut Bruce McCandless II and the First Untethered Flight in Space](#)."

Buy 'Wonders All Around'

I met [McCandless III](#), who lives in Austin with his wife Pati, for a coffee a few months ago, thanks to the introduction from a mutual friend. As we talked about losing our dads, being writers and parents and living in Austin while still