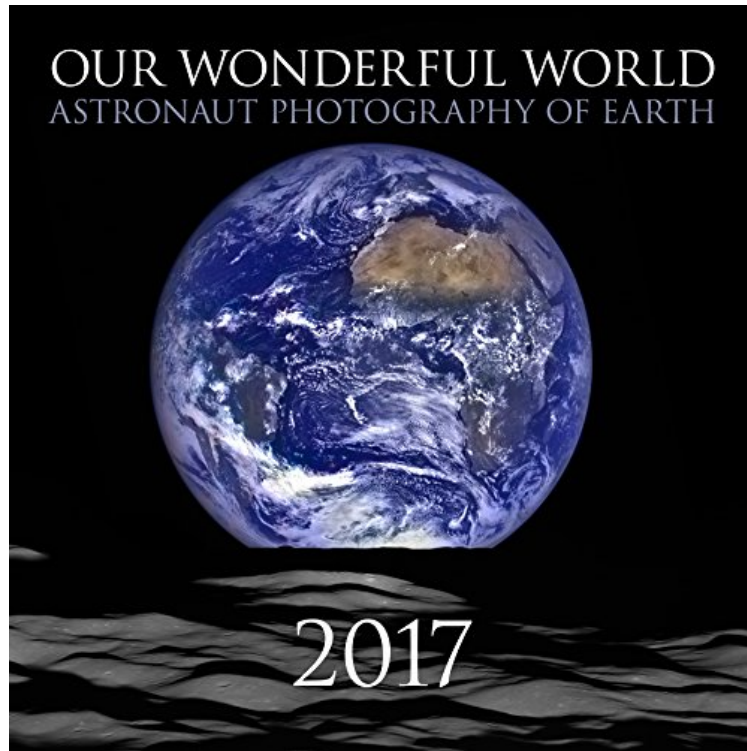


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About the AuthorNASA maintains a "Gateway to Astronaut Photography" that archives hundreds of thousands of images, from which these have been selected. NASA headquarters are located in Houston, TX.