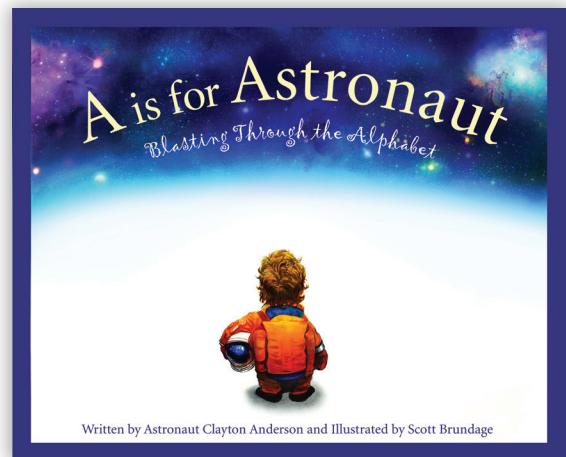




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Astronaut Clayton “Astro Clay”™ Anderson “Fun Facts”!

1. First and ONLY Astronaut selected from the State of Nebraska.
2. Applied to become an astronaut 15 times over 15 years! (Thought to be a NASA record for applications without selection!).
3. One of his NASA Astronaut rejection letters appeared in the book “*Other People’s Rejection Letters.*”
<http://www.businessinsider.com/clay-anderson-was-rejected-by-nasa-15-times-2013-7>
4. 2-time space flier to the International Space Station (ISS).
5. Lived and worked on the ISS for 151 days, for a total of 167 total days in space.
6. Nearly 40 hours of spacewalks, spread over 6 excursions outside of the ISS.
7. Ranks 30th on the world’s all-time cumulative list of space walking time.
8. Speaks Russian!
9. Served as ISS Science Officer and Crew Medical Officer for ISS Expedition 15 and STS-131.
10. Played golf with Bill Gates (twice!).
11. Had conference calls from outer space in 2007 with Russian comedian Yakov Smirnov and USA Olympic Softball pitcher Jennie Finch.
12. Created two new satellites (Nebraska 1 and Nebraska 2) while “taking out the trash” on his ISS mission.
13. Sang at the wedding of New York Times Best Selling Author Nevada Barr.
14. Former College Basketball Official.
15. Tried out with the Houston Gamblers USFL Football Team.
16. Appeared on TV shows: “Only in America with Larry the Cable Guy” (History Channel); “Armed and Ready” with Kevin Connelly (The Travel Channel), and with Don Wildman in “Off Limits.” (The Travel Channel) He is also in several episodes on The Science Channel’s “Secret Space Escapes.”
17. He has written 3 books: *The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut* (University of Nebraska Press, 2015); *It’s a Question of Space: An Ordinary Astronaut’s Answers to Sometimes Extraordinary Questions* (UN Press, June 2018) and *A is for Astronaut: Blasting Through the Alphabet* (Sleeping Bear Press, March 2018).



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