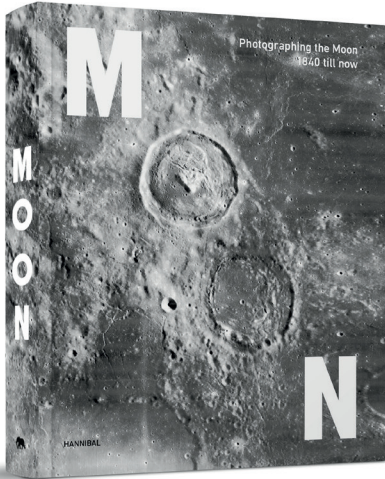


A photographic account of man's fascination with the moon



# MOON

## Photographing the Moon 1840 – Now

On 21 July 1969, at the height of the Cold War, the American Neil Alden Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon. The years-long space race between the United States and the Soviet Union seemed to be over. Exactly fifty years later, this photo book looks back at that other-worldly turning point and considers how our largest satellite has continued to appeal to the imagination over the years.

In 1840, barely three years after the invention of photography, J.W. Draper succeeded in taking the first photographic image of the moon. The first attempts were abstract and mysterious, but the techniques were quickly refined, and the moon was to permanently exert a special hold over photographers.

This book compiles pictures from the world's best photographers from 1840 to the present. As well as historical photographs and press images of the moon landing in 1969, it also contains work by contemporary artists, each reflecting in their own way on this mystical celestial body.

With texts by Maarten Dings and Joachim Naudts.

Publication accompanying the *MAAN/MOON* exhibition at Fotomuseum Antwerp, from July to September 2019.

