While the Apollo 13 crew—commander Jim Lovell and his rookie crewmates Jack Swigert and Fred Haise—indeed made history in the days leading up to April 21, it wasn’t the kind they had expected. The mission they flew didn’t involve pinpoint landings and memorable words and great, bounding bunny hops in the moon’s otherworldly gravity. The Apollo 13 astronauts had barely escaped with their necks during their week in space, and everyone aboard the recovery carrier realized it. The fact that they did escape was the longest of piloting long shots, and a space agency surviving on public goodwill was not about to push things now, packing the same three men into the same sort of ship, flinging them back into the void, and inviting fate to have a go at them again. This item: Apollo 13 by James Lovell Paperback $29.35. In stock. Ships from and sold by TheProductsHub. Failure Is Not an Option: Mission Control from Mercury to Apollo 13 and Beyond by Gene Kranz Paperback $34.05. In stock. Anyway, to the book. It tells the story of the Apollo 13 mission from Lovell’s perspective interspersed with other anecdotes about Lovell’s NASA and Naval career. There are other chapters shown from the perspective of other people involved in the mission, such as John Aaron (everyone’s favourite “Steely Eyed Missile Man”) and Ken Mattingly. The Apollo 13 sections in particular give a real sense of being there alongside Lovell, Haise and Swigert. You can imagine yourself floating alongside them as they try to figure out the way home. Book Overview. No Synopsis Available. Edition Details. Format: Library Binding. Language: English. ISBN: 0823944459X. ISBN13: 97808239444590. Release Date: January 2004. Publisher: Rosen Publishing Group. Length: 112 Pages. Weight: 0.65 lbs. Dimensions: 8.3” x 6.0” x 8.0”. Grade Range: Grades 5 to 8.