## Baby Goes to Space: Zaria Martin's Out-of-This-World Journey

On February 20, 2022, history was made when Zaria Martin became the first black baby to travel to space. Just 12 days old, Zaria embarked on a groundbreaking mission to the International Space Station (ISS) alongside her parents, NASA astronauts Mark and Jessica Meir.

#### Zaria's Journey to the Stars

Zaria's journey began in the belly of her mother, Jessica Meir. As Jessica trained for her mission to the ISS, Zaria was there every step of the way. She felt the vibrations of the centrifuge and experienced the weightlessness of parabolic flights. By the time Zaria was born, she was already a seasoned space traveler.

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When Zaria was just 12 days old, she and her parents boarded a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket bound for the ISS. The launch was a success, and Zaria and her family arrived at the ISS a few hours later.

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### Life on the ISS

Zaria spent 11 days on the ISS, becoming the youngest person to ever live in space. She spent her days exploring the station, meeting the other astronauts, and conducting experiments. Zaria even had her own special sleeping bag and a tiny space suit.

Zaria's time on the ISS was not without its challenges. She had to adjust to the weightlessness of space and learn how to eat and sleep in a new environment. But Zaria's parents were there to support her every step of the way.

#### The Future of Space Exploration

Zaria's journey to space is a testament to the power of human ingenuity and the bright future of space exploration. It is also a symbol of the growing diversity of those who are involved in space travel.

Zaria's story is an inspiration to us all. It shows us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it. We can't wait to see what she accomplishes in the years to come.

#### **Additional Resources**

- NASA's Expedition 64 mission page
- Space.com article on Zaria Martin's return to Earth
- CNN article on Zaria Martin's historic spaceflight

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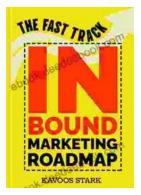




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