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Craig says

The Tom Swift, Jr., books were a fun, upbeat, and interesting adventure series published for kids from 1954 to 1971 that promoted science, fair-play, patriotism, and team-work; they were good, positive books. The series served as a sequel to the original Tom Swift series that appeared from 1910 to the beginnings of World War II; Tom and his sister, Sandy, are the children of the first Tom and his wife, Mary Nestor; Tom's girlfriend Phyllis Newton is the daughter of Tom Sr.'s sidekick Ned Newton (now Uncle Ned to Tom and Sandy); the family home is still located in Shopton along Lake Carlopa, etc. It's nice that the continuity is preserved rather than just being over-written as happened to The Hardy Boys; in the first Tom Jr., book beings make contact that were first hinted at in the final real Tom Sr., book, Planet Stone, and throughout the series references to the history are made such as naming a device the Damonscope in honor of a character from the first series, Mr. Wakefield Damon. In addition to the Swifts and Newtons, Tom Jr. has his own sidekick, Bud Barclay, and there are several interesting supporting characters such as Phil Radnor, Harlan Ames (I wonder if Harlan Ellison was the inspiration for the name?), Hank Sterling, Miss Trent (who I don't believe ever had a first name), and especially Chow Winkler, Tom's cook, a former "Texas chuck-wagon" cook who was given to a variety of wild and unlikely expressions such as, "Well, brand my space biscuits!" The earlier books had nice covers, end-papers, and illustrations: Graham Kaye and Charles Brey provided the art for the first twenty-five volumes, followed by Edward Moretz, after which the artistic (as well as the literary) quality starting going downhill. Tom invented and built many fantastic inventions (but remember it was the '50s and '60s), and had many exciting adventures along with his friends and family. They faced off against saboteurs and spies and the evil Brungarians but their good spirits and hard work and can-do attitude always paid off in the end. The continuity didn't always hold logically from book to book, and looking back it's easy to pick apart one thing or another, but they were fun and fine books in their time. This ninth volume has a good cover showing stylish spacesuits with fish-bowl helmets and a flying saucer overhead; what's cooler than that? The book's about a whole new kind of new moon.

Ronald says

probably read some time in fall 1966

Marlin Williams says

I just finished reading, Tom swift on the Phantom Satellite. It was like taking a step back in time to take a look at the future. I couldn't help but think that some young boy enamored with the idea of having space adventures of his own had this very book sitting on his nightstand back in 1956 while having dreams of Tom Swift Jr. and his space pal, Bud. Great book.

Mike (the Paladin) says

I almsot forgot these books. i read 2 of the Tom Swift series...small percentage of the total. Tom saves his

friends from being set adrift in space while claiming the new moon.

By the way that's not the edition I had, but since I don't have it anymore I went with the one closest on date. i got for a birthday around 59 or 60.

These should be rereleased if they're not available anymore.
