



Tales of Pirx the Pilot

By Stanislaw Lem

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN, United States, 1990. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Harvest/HBJ ed.. 201 x 135 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In Pilot Pirx, Lem has created an irresistibly likable character - an astronaut who gives the impression of still navigating by the seat of his pants. He is a bumbler, but an inspired one. We follow Pirx through five adventures in a time when space travel has become routine. Yet things go wrong, mysteriously and suspiciously, and Pirx is the one to investigate strange accidents - either because his superiors trust his flair, or because they consider him expendable. Whimsical, spellbinding, infused with Lem's uncannily vivid familiarity with the day-to-day realities and regions of space travel, the tales of Pilot Pirx build up to a towering climax. We first meet Pirx in school, embarking on a training mission that is to drive home to him, with devastating impact, the inadequacy of textbook knowledge in an astronaut's arsenal. The final adventure finds Pirx deciphering a spaceship's sinister past with the help of a robot's retentive memory. By investing Pirx with the full range of human foibles, Lem offers here a wonderful vision of the audacity,...



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