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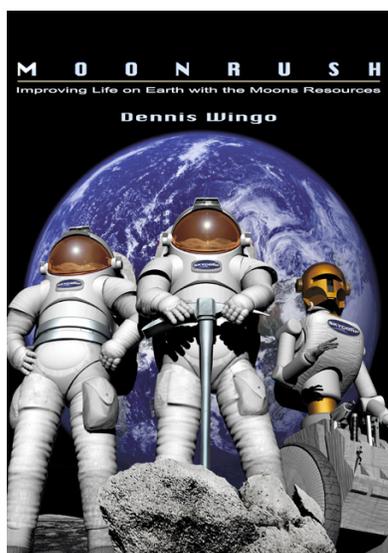
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Wingo, Dennis. **Moonrush: improving life on earth with the Moon's resources.** Apogee Books, 2004. 260p ISBN 1894959108 pbk, \$24.95

Wingo makes the case for returning to the Moon to extract its resources for the benefit of humankind. The final words in the book characterize its contents: "There are many reasons to go and no convincing ones not to. If the limits to growth on the earth are real and if the Earth really is in the balance, then it just makes (sic) sense to use the Moon's resources to tip the balance in our favor. The only limits that we have are in our imagination." The author acknowledges many people, including three this reviewer has worked with--Gordon Woodcock, Chuck Lundquist, and Lewis Peach. It is clear that Wingo has talked to the right people. He presents good histories and analyses of our energy resource situation, the hydrogen economy, platinum catalysts, extraterrestrial materials, lunar exploration architectures, and proposals for a return to the Moon and a cislunar economy. A nice treatment of the potential for the economic development and exploitation of lunar resources. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. General readers: lower-division undergraduates through professionals -- *A. M. Strauss, Vanderbilt University*



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