

# Sally Ride



Sally Ride is known for being the first American woman in Space, but fewer people know she was also the first lesbian in Space.



Sally grew up in 1960s America with a talent for tennis, science, English and a determination to never give up on her dreams.



In 1978 Sally beat nearly 8000 applicants to gain a place on NASA's programme to send women into Space.



Sally feared backlash if she was out at work, but she was supported throughout her career by her female partner, Tam O'Shaughnessy.



Sally and her partner wrote six children's science books and set up 'Sally Ride Science', an organisation dedicated to promoting equality and education for girls in science, technology and math.



After years of hard work and training, Sally made it into Space in 1983.