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'One small step for man but giant leap for mankind...'

Astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon.

He died today at the age of 82, from complications after a heart procedure. He was the first of just 12 Americans who stepped on the moon from 1969 to 1972.

Neil Armstrong was known as a private man and gave very few interviews but science journalist Andrew Tchekin convinced Armstrong in 1988 to speak to him for his book *A Man on the Moon: Voyages of the Apollo Astronauts*.

Neil Armstrong and Andrew Tchekin grew to be friends, and Andrew Tchekin joins us now from his home in Vermont:

'Andrew, that line, 'One Small Step"...that line said a lot about Neil Armstrong didn't it?

-Well, what really to me said a lot about Neil, was the conversation we had about that quote. And I promised him I was not gonna ask him about it in our interview because everybody asked him about it and I already knew the story of how we came up with that quote on the moon, just a couple of hours after they landed.

But what he said to me was the emotional moment was the landing. That was human contact with the moon. But the rest of the world was so focused on that first footstep that he really had no choice. And he did beautifully as we all know, he came up with a wonderful quote.'

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