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*The definitive biography
of the century's
godfather of invention-
from the preeminent
Edison scholar "Israel's
meticulous research and
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*the dodgier aspects of
Edison's personality
offers a fresh glimpse
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inventor." -New Scientist
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methods, here leavened
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detail to give the
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way toward taking Edison
out of the shadows and
placing him in the
proper light."-Atlanta
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*"Exhaustively
researched, with strong
emphasis on Edison's
methods and
achievements." -Kirkus
Reviews The conventional
story of Thomas Edison*

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*World
reads more like myth
than history: With only
three months of formal
education, a hardworking
young man overcomes the
odds and becomes one of
the greatest inventors*

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*in history. But the
portrait that emerges
from Edison: A Life of
Invention reveals a man
of genius and
astonishing foresight
whose career was*

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*actually a product of
his fast-changing era.
In this peerless
biography, Paul Israel
exposes for the first
time the man behind the
inventions, expertly*

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*situating his subject
within a thoroughly
realized portrait of a
burgeoning country on
the brink of massive
change. Informed by
Israel's unprecedented*

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*access to workshop
diaries, notebooks,
letters, and more than
five million pages of
archives, this
definitive biography
brings fresh insights to*

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*a singularly influential
and triumphant career in
science.*

*An in-depth portrait of
America's greatest
inventor journeys inside
the life and Menlo Park,*

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*New Jersey, laboratory
of Thomas Edison,
documenting not only his
revolutionary
technological
innovations, but also
his remarkable ability*

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*to promote and market
himself and his*

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During the coldest

winter ever, George and

Gracie land in Menlo

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*Park, New Jersey,
1879--near Thomas
Edison's famous
laboratory. Mr. Edison
has just invented a long-
burning light bulb, but
he's keeping a huge*

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secret: he's also

discovered time travel.

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and inside the heads of
the gutsy entrepreneurs
who are financing the
hottest businesses on the
Web. The six tall men who
started Benchmark, Silicon

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Valley's most exciting
venture capital firm, put
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edge of the new economy by
backing billion dollar
start-ups like eBay and
Webvan. The risks were

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executives but to the
companies they financed.
He was a fly on the wall
as fortunes were made in
an instant, snap decisions
got locked in, and new
ventures took off--and

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sometimes crashed. Here are the testosterone-pumped conversations, round-the-clock meetings, and gutsy deals that launched the eBoys and their clients into the

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stratosphere of mega-wealth. Written like a novel but absolutely true, eBOYS brings to vivid life the glory days of the greatest business adventure of our time.

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The fifth volume of The
Papers of Thomas A. Edison
covers Edison's invention
and development of the
first commercial
incandescent electric
light and power system. In

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the process he turned his
famed Menlo Park
laboratory into the first
true research and
development facility. This
also enabled him to
develop a new telephone

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for the British market in
the midst of his herculean
efforts on electric
lighting. In the face of
daunting technical
challenges and skepticism
from leading scientists

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and engineers, Edison and his team of experimenters and machinists found the solution to the decades-old problem of creating a practical incandescent lamp. By focusing on the

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characteristics of the entire system Edison reconceptualized the requirements of a successful lamp design. While rivals worked primarily on lamps, Edison

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developed other parts of a complete system as well.

This approach was most notable in his revolutionary work on generator technology, one of the highlights of this

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volume. Successful
exhibitions of the system
in December 1879 drew
crowds to Menlo Park to
witness the softly glowing
lamps. These spectacles
gratified his financial

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backers but Edison realized the importance of following experimental demonstrations with the hard work of commercial development. He needed to make each component work

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effectively in daily use
and to improve the designs
so that they were easy to
use and inexpensive to
manufacture. To create a
daytime market for
electricity he also

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developed electric motors
for a variety of uses,
including electric
railways, for which he
built a small
demonstration line at
Menlo Park. To accomplish

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all this Edison greatly enlarged his staff to as many as sixty experimenters, machinists, carpenters, and office workers. He began manufacturing lamps at a

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factory in Menlo Park. At the end of 1880, Edison was ready to move his system into commercial production and made plans to produce other components in New York. He

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also invited New York
officials to a
demonstration in order to
win their approval for
running underground lines
in lower Manhattan where
he planned to put his

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first commercial central
station. In March 1881, he
moved to the Edison
Electric Light Company's
headquarters on Fifth
Avenue and began the hard
work of introducing the

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new electric light and
power technology.
Delves into the life of
the inventor Edison,
recounting the joys,
tragedies, and successes
of his life, and explains

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the scientific principles
behind his revolutionary
work.

The Art of Invention
The Wizard of Menlo Park,
Thomas Alva Edison,
1847-1931

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**reverence surrounding
Edison's "genius" to show
how the inventor was, in
fact, an ordinary man who
created extraordinary work.
While many of us believe
that creativity, like genius,**

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is something that just happens by chance or destiny, Edison's life demonstrates that creativity of the very highest order can indeed be summoned up at will, and

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**even reduced to a reliable
working method and set of
principles.**

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***as a telegraph operator to a
powerful and influential
businessman, it shows how
Edison's inquisitive nature
helped him become an inventor
with over a thousand registered
patents and become popularly***

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Edison passed away many
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***continue to reverberate
throughout history. It was
Thomas Edison who brought all
of these innovations into the
world, whether you're watching
TV, listening to music, or simply
turning on the lamp next to your***

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greatest inventor—1878.

That year Edison, whom a
New York newspaper in the
spring first called "the
Wizard of Menlo Park,"
developed the phonograph,
one of his most famous

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inventions; made a
breakthrough in the
development of telephone
transmitters, which made
the instrument
commercially viable; and
announced the advent of

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domestic electric
lighting, with only a few
weeks' worth of tinkering
necessary to complete its
design (the announcement
sent gas-company stocks
plummeting; the research

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and development went on for four years). These inventions brought Edison financial support for his work and attention from the public. In January investors in the Edison

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Speaking Phonograph

Company agreed to fund development work on the phonograph. The invention made Edison internationally famous and in May he traveled to

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Washington, D.C., to show
the phonograph at the
National Academy of
Sciences, to Congress, and
to President Rutherford B.
Hayes at the White House.
That same month Western

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Union agreed to pay Edison
an annual salary of \$6,000
for his telephone
inventions, although other
support from the company
declined following the
death of its president,

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William Orton. The stress of unceasing public attention, including a trans-Atlantic dispute over the question of who invented the microphone, led an exhausted Edison to

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travel west during the
summer to witness a solar
eclipse but also to seek
rest. His six-week trip
took him to San Francisco
and the Yosemite region of
California. Edison began

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working on electric
lighting after his return
and in October the Edison
Electric Light Company was
formed to support his
research.

* Our summary is short,

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simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. By reading this summary, you will learn how Thomas Alva Edison

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(1847-1931) invented the modern world. You will also learn : that Edison is the inventor of cinema; that he is also the inventor of electric light; that his father

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supported an armed revolt
against the Canadian
provincial government;
that his grandfather was a
loyalist, refusing the
emancipation of the
thirteen British North

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American colonies from the
British Crown; that Edison
is one of the most
important American icons;
that he was the first to
achieve this degree of
celebrity in the United

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States outside the political and military spheres. From the phonograph to the filament lamp, from the cinema to the camera, Edison is one of the main inventors of

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modernity. The equal of a
Henry Ford, so to speak.
Henry Ford, who was one of
Edison's closest friends.
However, one trait sets
Edison apart as an
inventor of modernity: his

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celebrity, both during his
lifetime and after his
death. The biography of
Randall Stross devoted to
the "Wizard of Menlo Park"
gives full scope to this
dimension of the

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character. He makes of it something more than a simple compilation of dates and proper names: a true chronicle of the pivotal decades of the late 19th and early 20th

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Thomas Alva Edison was an
American inventor and
businessman, who has been

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described as America's
greatest inventor. He
developed many devices
that greatly influenced
life around the world,
including the phonograph,
the motion picture camera,

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and the long-lasting,
practical electric light
bulb. Dubbed "The Wizard
of Menlo Park", he was one
of the first inventors to
apply the principles of
mass production and large-

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scale teamwork to the
process of invention, and
because of that, he is
often credited with the
creation of the first
industrial research
laboratory

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Research to Development at
Menlo Park, January

1879–March 1881

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Thomas Alva Edison, the
Wizard of Menlo Park

A great folk hero in American history,
Edison is viewed by the public as a facile
inventor, the electrical wizard and the
perfect symbol of the self-made and
practical creator. But he was also a
paradoxical figure: deaf, impoverished and

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with no formal education as a youngster, Edison nevertheless became a fertile and versatile inventor, accumulated fortunes for himself and others but remained indifferent to wealth except as a means towards more inventions. Edison's key contributions include the carbon microphone, the electric light bulb,

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electricity distribution systems, the phonograph and the motion-picture camera. Edison's methods were also remarkable: halfway between the craftsman-tinkerer of the early 19th century and the scientist of today, he established and ran pioneering research laboratories with large staffs, yet lacked

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training in mathematics or the basic sciences. Matthew Josephson's Edison: A Biography won the Society of American Historians' Francis Parkman Prize in 1960. "This is an outstanding biography... [Josephson] establishes the developing relationship between finance and invention which constitutes the basis for Edison's

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success... [He] has mastered the substance of Edison's inventive activity and has written of it quite authoritatively and vividly." — Thomas P. Hughes, Technology and Culture "... It is clear that there is reason to welcome yet another book about a man of whom so much has been written. It must have been precisely

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because so much in the Edison record is myth, fostered by adulators and by Edison himself that Mr. Josephson turned his skillful, corrective hand to a saga that may have seemed more familiar than it actually is. From his well-presented, well-written findings emerges a giant without whom much of life as we live it would simply not

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World.” — John K. Hutchens, New York
Herald Tribune “A well-researched
account of the life of one of America’s
authentic folk heroes--Thomas Alva
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for strategic invention... Thoroughly
absorbing, this significant volume is a

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practical discoveries.” — Kirkus Review

“A biography that is dignified, detailed,
and objective, sprinkled with moments of
humor, pathos, and drama... One of the
chief virtues of this book is the care taken
by the author to build up a realistic picture
of Edison the man.” — F. Garvin

Davenport, The American Historical

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Review

Narrated by Benjamin Soames. Nine remarkable men produced inventions that changed the world. The printing press, the telephone, powered flight, recording and others have made the modern world what it is. But who were the men who had these ideas and made reality of them? As David

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Angus shows, they were very different quiet, boisterous, confident, withdrawn but all had a moment of vision allied to single-minded determination to battle through numerous prototypes and produced something that really worked. It is a fascinating account for younger listeners. Narrated by Benjamin SoamesOriginal

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Tesla's inventions transformed our world, and his visions have continued to inspire great minds for generations. Nikola Tesla invented the radio, robots, and remote control. His electric induction motors run our appliances and factories, yet

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he has been largely overlooked by history. In Tesla, Richard Munson presents a comprehensive portrait of this farsighted and underappreciated mastermind. When his first breakthrough—alternating current, the basis of the electric grid—pitted

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him against Thomas Edison's direct-current empire, Tesla's superior technology prevailed. Unfortunately, he had little business sense and could not capitalize on this success. His most advanced ideas went unrecognized for decades: forty

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years in the case of the radio patent, longer still for his ideas on laser beam technology. Although penniless during his later years, he never stopped imagining. In the early 1900s, he designed plans for cell phones, the Internet, death-ray

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weapons, and interstellar communications. His ideas have lived on to shape the modern economy. Who was this genius? Drawing on letters, technical notebooks, and other primary sources, Munson pieces together

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the magnificently bizarre personal life and mental habits of the enigmatic inventor. Born during a lightning storm at midnight, Tesla died alone in a New York City hotel. He was an acute germaphobe who never shook hands and required

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nine napkins when he sat down to dinner. Strikingly handsome and impeccably dressed, he spoke eight languages and could recite entire books from memory. Yet Tesla's most famous inventions were not the product of fastidiousness or linear

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thought but of a mind fueled by both the humanities and sciences: he conceived the induction motor while walking through a park and reciting Goethe's Faust. Tesla worked tirelessly to offer electric power to the world, to introduce automatons

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that would reduce life's drudgery,
and to develop machines that might
one day abolish war. His story is a
reminder that technology can
transcend the marketplace and that
profit is not the only motivation for
invention. This clear, authoritative,

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and highly readable biography takes account of all phases of Tesla's remarkable life.

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history.

The Franklin Institute Science
Museum presents a biographical
sketch of the American inventor
Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931).
Edison's inventions included the
automatic telegraph repeater,

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quadruplex telegraph, microphone, phonograph, and the incandescent electric lamp. The inventor earned the nickname the Wizard of Menlo Park.

Tesla: Inventor of the Modern
A Life of Invention

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The Story of Thomas Alva Edison,
Inventor

Edison: A Biography
Thomas Alva Edison

Traces the development of
the electric light bulb,
identifies technological

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problems, and describes
Edison's working methods
Magical children, American
legends, and the nation's
first lady detective come
together in this thrilling
fantasy for fans of The

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Wild, Wild West and The
League of Extraordinary
Gentlemen. Kate Warne
shattered the glass
ceiling and helped save a
President as the first
female Pinkerton

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detective. Now she's
learning a new role in
life - ghost detective.
Coming back from beyond
the Veil to continue her
work, Kate and her partner
Shadow are tasked with

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finding a missing girl
somehow linked to the
famous Wizard of Menlo
Park, Thomas Edison. But
all is not as it seems
with the strange inventor,
and Kate begins to suspect

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that his strange assistant
may be much more than he
appears to be. What she
learns is that Edison, the
girl, and all her strange
siblings are involved in
something much deeper and

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far darker than she ever
imagined. Now Kate and
Shadow must join forces
with a traveling snake-oil
salesman, a semi-retired
combat airship pilot,
Edison's most famous

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rival, and a legendary
river boat captain and
itinerant scribbler of
tales to keep Edison and
his mysterious cohort from
calling forth an ancient
power and possibly the end

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of life as we know it. ?

The name Thomas Edison is associated with some of the world's greatest inventions: the light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera.

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What inspired Edison to become an inventor? What struggles did he encounter on his way to greatness, and how did he overcome them? Readers will learn all about Edison,

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including his biographical details, challenges he encountered, and how he achieved his greatest inventions. Readers will learn about the industrialization of

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America, Edison's role in nineteenth- and twentieth-century history, and his legacy today. Utilizing color photographs and intriguing sidebars, this book will draw readers in

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as they learn about
Edison's childhood, his
famous rivalries, his
relationship with the
press, and how he became
known as the "Wizard of
Menlo Park."

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The Life and Inventions of
Thomas Alva Edison

The Wizard of Menlo Park

Thomas Edison

American Inventor

The Papers of Thomas A.

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Menlo Park, 1878

Everyone knows that Thomas Edison is America's most famous inventor. But what exactly drove him to invent? Have you ever heard of the phonograph, or the kinoscope? And what made his incandescent light bulb so special anyway? In this book, you will learn about Edison's

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busy childhood as a young inventor and entrepreneur conducting chemical experiments aboard a moving train car, his nomadic youth as a wandering telegraph operator, and about the five miraculous years of invention that produced the phonograph and the incandescent light bulb, inventions that made Edison the most

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famous American in history before he was thirty five years old. Through the inclusion of primary documents, including letters written by Edison himself, his diary entries, and newspaper articles from the 19th century and after, this book will help you see through the eyes of an ordinary American glimpsing electric light for the first time, or

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listening to records on the phonograph, or viewing the very first motion pictures. From his friendship with Henry Ford, to his work for the American navy during World War I, Thomas Edison was the original American hero, lighting all of history with his extraordinary inventions.

Thomas Edison ' s greatest invention? His

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own fame. At the height of his fame Thomas Alva Edison was hailed as “ the Napoleon of invention ” and blazed in the public imagination as a virtual demigod. Starting with the first public demonstrations of the phonograph in 1878 and extending through the development of incandescent light and the first motion picture cameras, Edison ’ s

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name became emblematic of all the wonder and promise of the emerging age of technological marvels. But as Randall Stross makes clear in this critical biography of the man who is arguably the most globally famous of all Americans, Thomas Edison ' s greatest invention may have been his own celebrity. Edison was certainly a technical

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genius, but Stross excavates the man from layers of myth-making and separates his true achievements from his almost equally colossal failures. How much credit should Edison receive for the various inventions that have popularly been attributed to him—and how many of them resulted from both the inspiration and the perspiration of

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his rivals and even his own assistants? This bold reassessment of Edison ' s life and career answers this and many other important questions while telling the story of how he came upon his most famous inventions as a young man and spent the remainder of his long life trying to conjure similar success. We also meet his partners

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and competitors, presidents and entertainers, his close friend Henry Ford, the wives who competed with his work for his attention, and the children who tried to thrive in his shadow—all providing a fuller view of Edison ' s life and times than has ever been offered before. The Wizard of Menlo Park reveals not only how Edison

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worked, but how he managed his own fame, becoming the first great celebrity of the modern age.

What do record players, batteries, and movie cameras have in common? All these devices were created by the man known as The Wizard of Menlo Park: Thomas Edison. Edison is most famous for inventing

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the incandescent lightbulb, but at his
landmark laboratories in Menlo Park &
West Orange, New Jersey, he also developed
many other staples of modern technology.
Despite many failures, Edison persevered.
And good for that, because it would be very
difficult to go through a day without using
one of his life-changing inventions. In this

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enlightening book, Gene Barretta enters the
laboratories of one of America's most
important inventors.

The Children of Menlo Park
Inventor and Innovator