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I Hook Start with a captivating anecdote. Imagine a world without electricity. A world lit by candles and gaslight where factories grind to a halt after sunset. Introduce the main players: Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, and George Westinghouse, titans of innovation who sought to illuminate the world with their respective visions of electricity. Set the stage for the conflict. Their ambitions collided in a fierce battle known as the War of Currents, a rivalry that would shape the future of energy.

II The Dawn of the Electric Age
Thomas Edison and the DC Dream
Edison's early experiments with direct current (DC) and his invention of the incandescent lightbulb. His establishment of Edison Illuminating Company and the rise of his electrical empire. Edison's focus on practicality and safety, promoting DC as the superior technology.

Nikola Tesla and the AC Revolution
Tesla's brilliance and visionary ideas, especially his championing of alternating current (AC). His groundbreaking inventions: the AC induction motor, the Tesla coil, and polyphase systems. Tesla's belief in AC's potential to power cities and industries at a greater scale.

III The War of Currents
Westinghouse Embraces Tesla
George Westinghouse's entrepreneurial spirit and his support for Tesla's AC technology. The formation of Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company and its acquisition of Tesla's patents. The escalating battle between Edison and Westinghouse over the future of electricity.

Publicity and Propaganda
Edison's campaign to discredit AC, spreading fear and misinformation about its dangers. The electrocution of animals using AC to further his agenda and sway public opinion. Westinghouse's countercampaign emphasizing the efficiency and scalability of AC.

IV The Triumph of AC
The Niagara Falls Power Plant
Westinghouse's construction of the first hydroelectric power plant at Niagara Falls, a symbol of AC's potential. This project proved the viability of long-distance transmission and the efficiency of AC systems. The rise of AC power in major cities across the globe, solidifying Westinghouse's victory.

V Beyond the War
The legacy of Edison, Tesla, and Westinghouse
Edison's contributions to the development of the electric light bulb and the power grid. Tesla's pioneering inventions in AC technology and his visionary approach to power generation. Westinghouse's entrepreneurial spirit and his role in bringing AC power to the world. The enduring impact of the War of Currents. The standardization of AC as the dominant electrical system worldwide. The ongoing evolution of electricity from its early days to today's advanced technologies.

VI Conclusion
Reflect on the significance of the War of Currents. A transformative struggle that shaped the world we live in. Reiterate the lasting legacy of the pioneers. Their inventions and rivalry left an indelible mark on history. Leave readers with a thought-provoking question or an inspiring message: How will the future of energy unfold, and who will be the next generation of innovators?

VII Additional Sections
Technological Differences between DC and AC
A concise explanation of the fundamental differences between direct and alternating current. The Role of the Press
The impact of the media and public perception on the War of Currents. Personal Stories and Anecdotes
Include personal stories of individuals impacted by the electrification of the world. Visual Elements
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an illustrated history of the city of wilmerding in allegheny county pennsylvania and of the westinghouse air brake company located there

wilmerding and the westinghouse air brake company tells the story of a town and company that grew up hand in hand through historical images when george westinghouse jr founded the westinghouse air brake company his air brakes railroad equipment and industrial pneumatic devices revolutionized rail travel opening a new chapter in american industrial history not only were the products of his first company

revolutionary but the small borough he founded in 1890 in southwestern pennsylvania became a model for residential and industrial development wilmerding precisely planned and built according to westinghouse s specifications would house the workers skilled and unskilled black and white who would produce george westinghouse s air brake wilmerding and the westinghouse air brake company tells the story of a town and company that grew up hand in hand this collection of historical photographs drawn from the archive of the westinghouse air brake company shows how the citizens of wilmerding lived from the factories where they worked everyday to the castle where they bowled and swam see the victorian style homes where they lived with their families the park where they strolled and the company band they heard at concerts and parades learn about the industry changing products they produced and sold globally wilmerding and the westinghouse air brake company is an american story of a man and his vision how he and the town he founded changed the face of rail travel and industry

this is a biography of westinghouse genius inventor from railroad and gas distribution equipment to the corporate model of invention and research he surpassed edison in electricity pioneering and in managing workers too but they both lost their companies in the panic of 1907 the bank always wins

while most know thomas edison for his invention of the light bulb his counterpart george westinghouse is too often overlooked westinghouse however became known as one of the most prolific inventors and businessmen of the industrial revolution this biography reveals the man whose teachers suspected was mentally disabled and who quit college after one semester yet founded more than 60 different companies employing 50 000 people and received 361 u s patents he later fought the battle of the currents ac vs dc with thomas edison and won westinghouse with his engineers provided power and light for the 1893 world s columbian exposition in chicago they harnessed the massive power of niagara falls and sent it over wires to light buffalo and eventually the northeast his electric engines powered trains and his air brakes stopped them his scientific contributions forever changed the world

journey into the electrifying world of nikola tesla a man who dared to dream of a future powered by limitless energy and boundless possibilities this book unveils the secrets of his electrical genius and explores the profound impact of his inventions on the modern world from his humble beginnings in the remote villages of croatia to his rise as a world renowned inventor tesla s life is a testament to perseverance creativity and an unyielding pursuit of knowledge through meticulous experimentation and relentless dedication he unlocked the mysteries of electricity revolutionizing the way we generate transmit and utilize energy tesla s inventions such as the ac induction motor the radio and the fluorescent light bulb transformed industries and shaped the course of human history his vision extended far beyond the realm of practical applications venturing into the uncharted territories of wireless energy transmission anti gravity and communication with extraterrestrial civilizations this book embarks on an electrifying journey through tesla s life exploring the triumphs and tribulations that shaped his extraordinary career we will delve into the depths of his scientific discoveries unravel the enigmas surrounding his controversial experiments and uncover the enduring legacy he left behind join us as we explore the fascinating world of nikola tesla the man who harnessed the power of lightning and illuminated the path towards a brighter future his story is a testament to the boundless potential of human ingenuity and the enduring power of dreams that dare to defy the limits of reality tesla s life and work continue to inspire and intrigue leaving us with a legacy of wonder and possibility this book is an invitation to embark on an electrifying journey through the mind of a genius where the boundaries of science and imagination converge if you like this book write a review on google books

beinhocker has written this work in order to introduce a broad audience to what he believes is a revolutionary new paradigm in economics and its implications for our understanding of the creation of wealth he describes how the growing field of complexity theory allows for evolutionary understanding of wealth creation in which business designs co evolve with the evolution of technologies and organizational innovations in addition to giving his audience a tour of this field of complexity economics he discusses its implications for real world issues of business

the residents of pittsburgh s east end controlled as much a 40 of america s assets at the turn of the last century mail was delivered seven times a day to keep america s greatest capitalists in touch with their factories banks and markets the neighborhood had its own private station of the pennsylvania railroad with a daily non stop express to new york s financial district many of the world s most powerful men princes artists politicians scientists and american presidents such as william mckinley teddy roosevelt william taft calvin coolidge and herbert hoover came to visit the hard working and high flying captains of industry two major corporations standard oil and alcoa aluminum were formed in east end homes it was the first neighborhood to adopt the telephone with direct lines from the homes to the biggest banks in pittsburgh which at the time was america s fifth largest city the story of this neighborhood is a story of america at its greatest point of wealth and includes rags to riches stories political corruption scandals and greed the history of this unique piece of american geography makes for enjoyable reading that will satisfy a large cross section of readers

on september 6 1901 president william mckinley held a public reception at the pan american exposition in buffalo new york in the receiving line holding a gun concealed by a handkerchief was leon czolgosz a young man with anarchist leanings when he reached mckinley czolgosz fired two shots one of which would prove fatal the backdrop of the assassination was among the largest of many world s fairs held in the late 19th and early 20th centuries the exposition celebrated american progress highlighting the new technology electricity over 100 000 light bulbs outlined the exposition s building on display inside were the latest inventions utilizing the new power source this new treatment of the mckinley assassination is the first to focus on the compelling story of the exposition its labor and construction challenges the garish midway the fight for inclusion of an accurate african american display to offset racist elements of the midway and the impressive exhibit halls

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born in jamestown new york willis r whitney 1868 1958 was the longtime director of general electric s research laboratory and is widely considered one of the fathers of industrial research he graduated from mit in 1890 to become assistant professor of chemistry there in 1896 he received his ph d from the university of leipzig under wilhelm ostwald having grown dissatisfied with purely academic work he jumped at the opportunity provided by elihu thompson in 1900 to become director of the newly created ge research laboratory the laboratory was to be devoted exclusively to original research it is hoped a 1902 report stated that many profitable fields may be discovered and so it was when whitney took over ge needed more economical lamp filaments and the laboratory developed a new form of metallized carbon which gave 25 more light for the same wattage the first radical improvement in edison s incandescent carbon filament millions of the new lamps were sold in a single year the laboratory s many other contributions include the tungsten lamp several applications for wrought tungsten replacing platinum targets in x ray tubes and platinum contacts in spark coils magnetos and relays and the coolidge x ray tube in a wide range of sizes whitney s broad scientific knowledge ability as a chemist and

resourcefulness as an experimenter lay the basis for all the work of the laboratory he stepped down as director in 1932 he was a member of numerous institutions including the american institute of electrical engineers american society of electrochemical engineers national academy of sciences british institute of metals and national research council and he received many honors such as the willard gibbs medal in 1920 the perkin medal in 1921 the gold medal of the national institute of social sciences in 1928 and the aiee edison medal in 1934 for his contributions to electrical science his pioneer inventions and his inspiring leadership in research whitney invented modern industrial research george wise re creates much of the anxiety and excitement of the decades when business discovered science and vice versa david diamond the new york times wise has not simply written biography and a story of the research laboratory at general electric but also a great deal of general electric history and history of technology as well the author s technical and scientific presentations are generally lucid and accessible to the layperson martha m trescott journal of economic history a book of many strengths most immediately apparent is the very high quality of the writing as a skilled biographer wise succeeds in bringing the reader into the life of an interesting and important individual wise does not neglect the personal side of whitney s life including his unhappy family situation and his personal illnesses the primary focus however is on his work at ge work the author expertly fits into broader patterns of science industry and society in early twentieth century america james h madison journal of american history a thoroughly researched and lucidly written book wise s book makes important contributions to the understanding of the origins of industrial research and the development of science in the american context john k smith technology and culture george wise effectively develops the foundation for an interesting and in depth view of a man who made an outstanding contribution to industrial research while at the same time suffering personal disappointments and fighting a continuing battle with recurring mental depression wise s book is warm personal and rich in historical background it provides a view into the life of the individual who set the stage for industrial research in america alfred a bolton academy of management review an important book wise s portrayal of whitney is acute and sensitive moreover it demonstrates that the depiction of industrial scientists as either alienated and unhappy academics in exile or mindless minions of the giant corporation is overly simple wise has produced a first rate study of a pioneering establishment that should be read by anyone interested in the crucial relationships between science and modern industry larry owens business history review a turning point in the long neglected history of industrial research n ot merely outstanding a definitive work that establish es critical standards for future research in this field beautifully crafted a sensitive and insightful biography of willis r whitney edwin t lawton jr isis wise has accomplished perhaps the most difficult task before any biographer successfully connecting his subject s historical significance with the deeper elements of his humanity this humanity is described with a biographer s sympathy and a historian s sophistication wise writes with sympathy and often charm drawing not only from substantial archival records but also from dozens of interviews carried out with whitney s associates and workers this biography will not only be the standard study of whitney but it will also provide a useful model and guide for all students of the key institutions of modern science robert friedel british journal for the history of science

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