

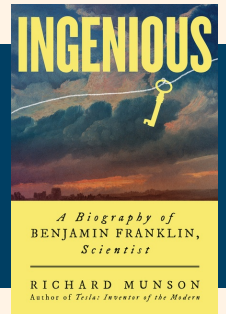
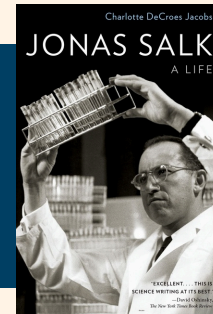
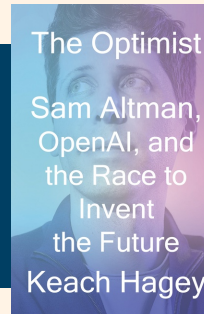
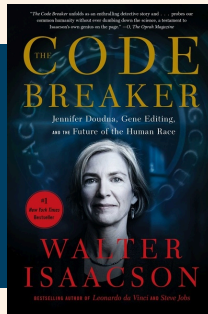
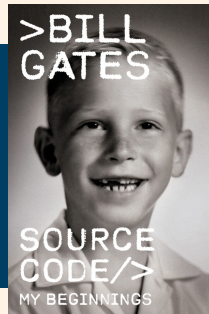


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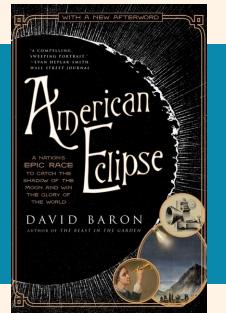
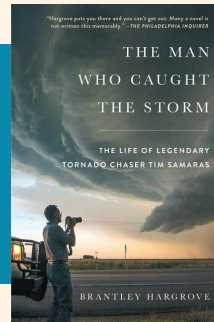
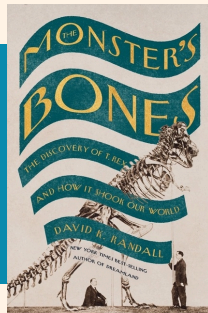
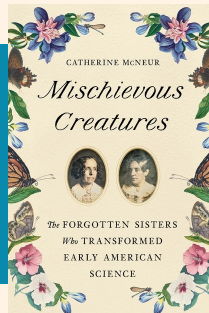
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Read a fiction or nonfiction work focused on American inventors or American contributions to the fields of industry, science or technology.

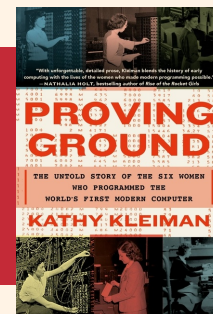
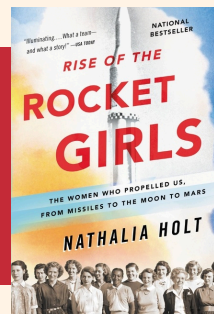
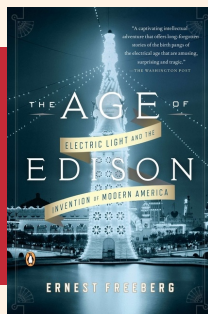
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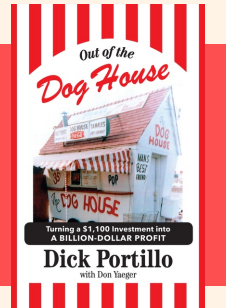
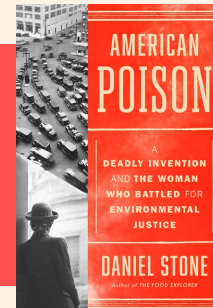
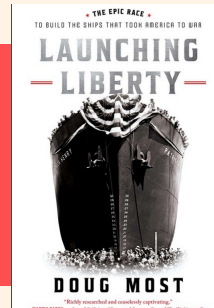
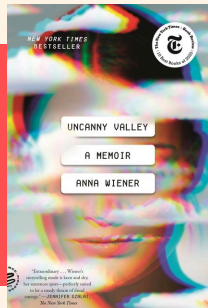
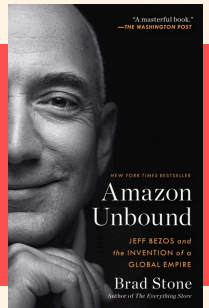
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### **The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race**

by Walter Isaacson  
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### **The Optimist: Sam Altman, Open AI, and the Race to Invent the Future**

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### **Jonas Salk: A Life**

by Charlotte Jacobs  
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### **Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin, Scientist**

by Richard Munson  
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### **The Wright Brothers**

by David McCullough  
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### **Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist**

by George D. Morgan  
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### **Mischievous Creatures: The Forgotten Sisters Who Transformed Early American Science**

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MORRIS/ McNeur

### **The Monster's Bones: The Discovery of T. Rex and How it Shook Our World**

by David K. Randall  
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### **The Man Who Caught the Storm: The Life of Legendary Tornado Chaser Tim Samaras**

by Brantley Hargrove  
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### **The Organ Thieves: The Shocking Story of the First Heart Transplant in the Segregated South**

by Charles Jones  
US HISTORY/ AFRICAN  
AMERICANS/ Jones

### **American Eclipse: A Nation's Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World**

by David Baron  
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### **Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon**

by Melissa L Sevigny  
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by Charles Fishman  
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EXPLORATION/ Fishman

### **The Age of Edison: The Electric Light and the Invention of Modern America**

by Ernest Freeberg  
US HISTORY/ 20TH  
CENTURY/ Freeberg

### **Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars**

by Nathalia Holt  
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by Kathy Kleiman  
COMPUTERS/ HISTORY/  
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### **A Sign of Her Own**

by Sarah Marsh  
FICTION MARSH, S.

### **The Race Underground: Boston, New York, and the Incredible Rivalry that Built America's First Subway**

by Doug Most  
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## Industry

### **Amazon Unbound: Jeff Bezos and the Invention of a Global Empire**

by Brad Stone  
BUSINESS/ INDUSTRY/  
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### **Uncanny Valley: A Memoir**

by Anna Wiener  
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### **Launching Liberty: The Epic Race to Build the Ships that Took America to War**

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### **American Poison: A Deadly Invention and the Woman Who Battled for Environmental Justice**

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### **Out of the Dog House: Turning a \$1,100 Investment into a Billion-Dollar Profit**

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### **Drive!: Henry Ford, George Selden, and the Race to Invent the Auto Age**

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