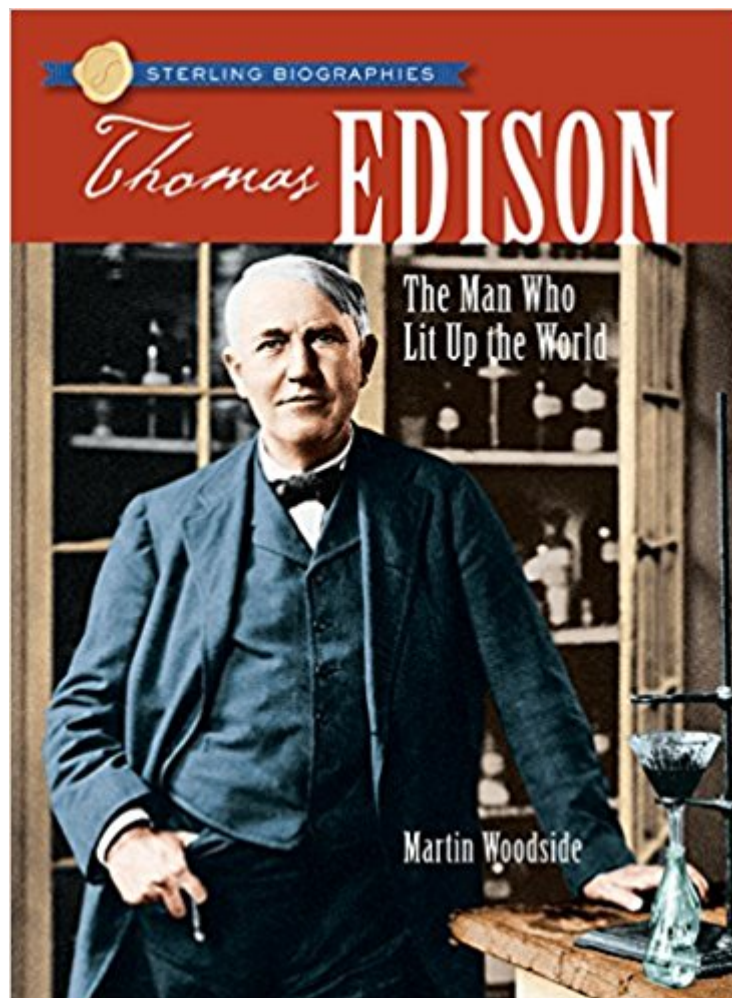




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The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. That was Thomas Edison's philosophy, and it led him to create the incandescent light bulb and illuminate the world with electricity. But that was just one of the many groundbreaking inventions Edison devised, many of which changed the shape of entertainment, industry, and everyday life. Meet the Wizard of Menlo Park, and see how he grew from a lonely, inquisitive boy who carried out experiments in his basement to the smart, enterprising, and imaginative inventor who gave us the stock market ticker, helped develop the phonograph and cinema, and even came up with the first storage battery and electric car.

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The reality is simply put in these words. Yes, Edison has many inventions. But the fact is: he was a liar and a thief of the work and inventions of others. He stole constantly. He had no conscience. Shameful. The man with the deeper gift who loved people and cared for them was WESTINGHOUSE! Honorable, loving and a true leader. Tesla as well, in his own way. Tesla didn't put up with Edison, but fired him after he was shortly lured in by Edison the big

Frodster. Westinghouse was the special man that made so much happen. While Edison was only a greedy monster!

Edison has over 1000 patents to his name, which earns him the place of one of the most prolific inventors. Nicknamed "The Wizard of Menlo Park" his inventions span from his early work on an improved stock ticker, to the phonograph and the motion picture camera, and of course, the light bulb - an invention he is undoubtedly associated with first and foremost. However, the brilliance and perseverance required to achieve all of these discoveries also has led him astray on at least a few occasions: DC vs AC current, his iron ore extraction project, and motion camera go to market strategy. Martin Woodside did a great job of balancing the personal, the business, and the scientist in his coverage of Edison - no small feat in such a few pages. Unlike many other inventors, Edison knew how to balance science, invention, and the practical aspects of business and marketing, and this book offers a great view into his life and methodology. Great introduction to Edison, his inventions, and their impact on our everyday life.

This book is about Thomas Edison. Thomas Edison was born in Ohio. He was the youngest of seven children. His nickname as a child was Little Al. He suffered from hearing problems and struggled in school because he had so many questions and didn't follow directions. Because of this he was known as a bad student. His mother decided it was better to homeschool him. Edison was a very curious child. He spent hours collecting different material to set up his own lab in the basement of his home. By the age of 12 Thomas had set up his own newspaper. And at the age of 13 he was working on the Grand Trunk Railway. The first great invention developed by Edison in Menlo Park was the tin foil phonograph. Thomas Edison's incandescent lighting system was in December 1879. This book was very easy to read. It gave a lot of details into the life of Thomas Edison and I would recommend it to young readers as well as to anyone that is interested in history.

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