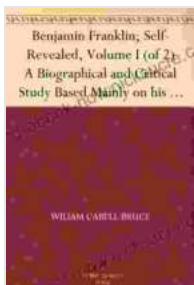


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Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1706. He was the youngest of 17 children. His father was a candlemaker and soap boiler, and his mother was a devout Puritan. Franklin received only two years of formal schooling, but he was a voracious reader and taught himself a variety of subjects.

At the age of 12, Franklin was apprenticed to his brother James, a printer. He learned the printing trade and began to publish his own newspaper, the *New England Courant*. In 1723, Franklin left Boston for Philadelphia, where he established a successful printing business. He also became involved in politics and was elected to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1736.

In 1754, Franklin was sent to London as a representative of the Pennsylvania Assembly. He spent the next 18 years in England, where he became a leading figure in the American colonies' fight for independence. He was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and served as the first Postmaster General of the United States from 1775 to 1782.

After the American Revolution, Franklin returned to Philadelphia, where he continued to be active in politics and science. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1787 and served as the first President of the American Philosophical Society from 1769 to 1790.

Franklin died in Philadelphia in 1790. He is buried in Christ Church Burial Ground. Franklin is considered one of the most important figures in American history. He was a brilliant scientist, inventor, and statesman. He helped to shape the course of American history and his legacy continues to inspire Americans today.

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## Critical Study

Benjamin Franklin has been the subject of numerous biographies and critical studies. His life and work have been praised by historians, scientists, and politicians alike. Franklin has been hailed as a genius, a polymath, and a quintessential American.

One of the most important aspects of Franklin's life was his commitment to self-improvement. He was constantly striving to learn new things and improve his skills. He was also a great believer in the power of education. He founded the Academy of Philadelphia, which later became the University of Pennsylvania.

Franklin was also a gifted inventor. He is best known for his invention of the lightning rod, but he also invented the Franklin stove, the bifocals, and the flexible catheter. Franklin's inventions have had a profound impact on the world and continue to be used today.

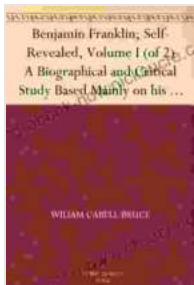
In addition to his scientific and inventive achievements, Franklin was also a gifted writer and diplomat. He was the author of the *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, which is considered one of the great works of American literature. He also played a key role in the negotiations that led to the Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolution.

Benjamin Franklin was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a brilliant scientist, inventor, and statesman. He was also a gifted writer and diplomat. Franklin's life and work have had a profound impact on the world. He is considered one of the most important figures in American history and his legacy continues to inspire Americans today.

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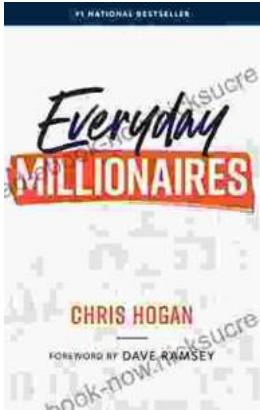
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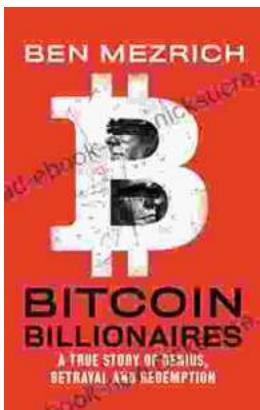
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