Tesla: Inventor of the Electrical Age

W. Bernard Carlson

Nikola Tesla was a major contributor to the electrical revolution that transformed daily life at the turn of the twentieth century. His inventions, patents, and theoretical work formed the basis of modern AC electricity, and contributed to the development of radio and television. An astute self-promoter and gifted showman, he cultivated a public image of the eccentric genius. In this groundbreaking book, W. Bernard Carlson demystifies the legendary inventor, placing him within the cultural and technological context of his time, and focusing on his inventions themselves as well as the creation and maintenance of his celebrity. This major biography sheds new light on Tesla’s visionary approach to invention and the business strategies behind his most important technological breakthroughs.

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Between inventing the concept of a universal computer in 1936 and breaking the German Enigma code during World War II, Alan Turing (1912–54), the British founder of computer science and artificial intelligence, came to Princeton University to study mathematical logic. Some of the greatest logicians in the world—including Alonzo Church, Kurt Gödel, John von Neumann, and Stephen Kleene—were at Princeton in the 1930s, and they were working on ideas that would lay the groundwork for what would become known as computer science. This book presents a facsimile of the original typescript of Turing’s fascinating and influential 1938 Princeton PhD thesis, one of the key documents in the history of mathematics and computer science. The book also features essays by Andrew Appel and Solomon Feferman that explain the still-unfolding significance of the ideas Turing developed at Princeton.

“This book presents the story of Turing’s work at Princeton University and includes a facsimile of his doctoral dissertation. . . . [The book] includes a detailed history of Turing’s work in computer science and the attempts to ground the field in formal logic.”
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The Book That Inspired the Film The Imitation Game

Andrew Hodges
With a foreword by Douglas Hofstadter and a new preface by the author

It is only a slight exaggeration to say that the British mathematician Alan Turing (1912–54) saved the Allies from the Nazis, invented the computer and artificial intelligence, and anticipated gay liberation by decades—all before his suicide at age forty-one. This acclaimed biography of the founder of computer science, with a new preface by the author that addresses Turing’s royal pardon in 2013, is the definitive account of an extraordinary mind and life.

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Unraveling the Mysteries of the Invisible Universe

Jeremiah P. Ostriker & Simon Mitton

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SCIENCE ESSENTIALS
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The Trolley Problem and What Your Answer Tells Us about Right and Wrong

David Edmonds

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Douglas H. Erwin is senior scientist and curator in the Department of Paleobiology at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History.
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Angus Deaton

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Ben S. Bernanke served as chairman of the US Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014. He has also served as chairman of the President’s Council of Economic Advisors and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve. Before his time in public service he was a professor of economics at Princeton University. His many books include Essays on the Great Depression and Inflation Targeting (both Princeton).
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Ibn Khaldûn

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With an introduction by Bruce B. Lawrence

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Erich Neumann (1905–60), a psychologist and philosopher, was born in Berlin and lived in Tel Aviv from 1934 until his death. His books include The Origins and History of Consciousness, The Fear of the Feminine, and Amor and Psyche (all Princeton). Martin Liebscher is senior research fellow in German and honorary senior lecturer in psychology at University College London.

Men, Women, and Chain Saws
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Carol J. Clover
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From its first publication in 1992, Men, Women, and Chain Saws has offered a groundbreaking perspective on the creativity and influence of horror cinema from the mid-1970s on. Investigating the popularity of the low-budget tradition, Carol Clover looks in particular at slasher, occult, and rape-revenge films. Although such movies have been traditionally understood as offering only sadistic pleasures to their mostly male audiences, Clover demonstrates that they align spectators not with the male tormentor, but with the females tormented—notably the slasher movie’s “final girls”—as they endure fear and degradation before rising to save themselves. The lesson was not lost on the mainstream industry, which was soon turning out the formula in well-made thrillers.

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The Limits of Partnership
U.S.-Russian Relations in the Twenty-First Century

Angela E. Stent
With a new chapter by the author

The Limits of Partnership offers a riveting narrative on U.S.-Russian relations from the Soviet collapse through the Ukraine crisis and the difficult challenges ahead. It reflects the unique perspective of an insider who is also recognized as a leading expert on this troubled relationship. Why has it been so difficult to move the relationship forward? What are the prospects for doing so in the future? Is the effort doomed to fail again and again? What are the risks of a new Cold War?

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Reiner Stach worked extensively on the definitive edition of Kafka’s collected works before embarking on this three-volume biography. Shelley Frisch’s translation of the second volume was awarded the Modern Language Association’s Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize. She has translated many other books from German, including biographies of Nietzsche and Einstein, and she holds a PhD in German literature from Princeton University.

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Walter Kaufmann

With a new foreword by Stanley Corngold

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Walter Kaufmann (1921–80) was the Stuart Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University. His many books include Nietzsche: Philosopher, Psychologist, Antichrist and Critique of Religion and Philosophy (both Princeton).

Derek Sayer is professor of cultural history at Lancaster University.
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Tim Maudlin is professor of philosophy at New York University.

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A Portrait of Descartes

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