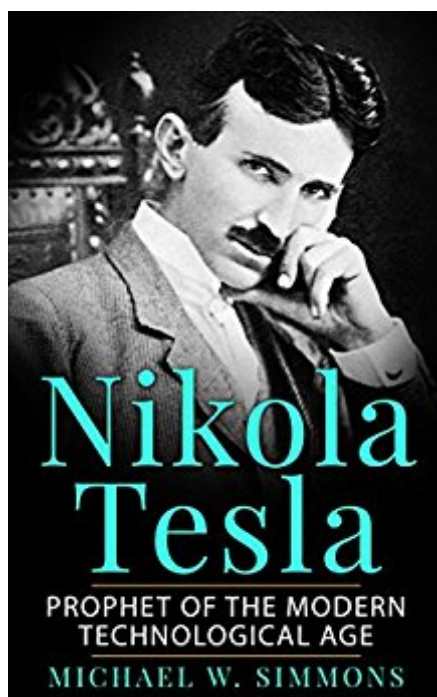


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Nikola Tesla: Prophet Of The Modern Technological Age



Synopsis

Nikola Tesla: inventor or magician? Tesla was one of the most famous inventors who ever lived, but after his death, he was nearly forgotten. He was a celebrity during the height of America's Gilded Age. In this book, you will read about his friendship with Mark Twain, his furious competition with his former employer Thomas Edison, his uneasy relationship with billionaire J.P. Morgan, and his rivalry with Albert Einstein. During his lifetime, Tesla revolutionized the field of electrical engineering with his most famous invention: the induction motor. But that wasn't all he contributed to the world of technology. His coils, turbines, robotic boats, and mysterious "death ray" continue to beguile the imagination and inspire the inventors of the 21st century. But who was Tesla really? This book will take you from his early childhood in Croatia, where he experienced strange optical visions and a "luminous phenomenon" that gave him near super-human powers of memory and visualization, to the "War of the Currents", Thomas Edison's bizarre campaign to ruin Tesla's reputation. From trying to fight the Spanish American War with robots, to electrifying the skies of the Colorado desert, and to starting an earthquake in the middle of New York city, learn how Nikola Tesla shaped the world we live in today.

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see that so many other reviewers gave this book five or four star ratings, but I'm going to only give it a three star rating. People were right, this was a very short book for a man who was so important to the world in so many ways. The writing was fine for the most part, but I found it very annoying that the author kept referring back to another book as his primary source (within the text of the book, and not just listed in resources or bibliography). In most research papers you would do something like this, and this book kind of read like a research paper. I kind of got the feeling that maybe I should be reading the book that the author was referring to rather than this book, because it sounded like she did a lot more research and writing about Tesla than Simmons did. This book seemed like a review of the other book...which was kind of odd. The book that Simmons referred to often was *Tesla: Man out of Time*, by Margaret Cheney. Now, if you simply want a quick understanding of Tesla, this book was fine. But if you want more information about his work, you are going to have to go elsewhere. His inventions and much of his work was mentioned in passing, but no real in-depth understanding of Tesla's ideas given. One of my big complaints about Kindle Unlimited is the high amount of so-so books in the history and especially the science sections. They seem to put a decent amount of mysteries and fiction books on unlimited which are fairly good...I just finished one I really enjoyed last night. But I'm not pleased with the quality of history and science books put up. I suppose it has to do with costs, but I really wish they would put a few good books in these genres up for those of us who love reading this type of book.

There are a few anecdotes about Tesla in this, but the title and cover are misleading. This is mainly a book to promote the authors self help product, and it uses Tesla to lure you in. Unfortunately it really doesn't talk much about Tesla, with maybe 1/3rd of the very short book spent on the subject. I read it on a short one hour flight, and I was sorry I wasted the time with this book. This was a great free book, although a short one. This book is well footnoted for those who wish to dig deeper into the hundreds of references.

I was disappointed when I got to the end since I had learned something of Tesla's life but far less than one usually picks up in a biography. Perhaps, there was just not enough substance or known facts to make for a meatier read. A little like reading a long Wikipedia encyclopedic entry rather than a true biography. Would not recommend.

I was concerned that this was going to decent into an anti-Edison rant, but I was pleasantly surprised. It spends sufficient time on each of the phases of Tesla's life, while honoring those he came in conflict with (most notably Edison, but also Marconi). I'd definitely recommend this book.

In an expository format, this piece takes one through the early childhood of Tesla while in Croatia where he experienced strange optical vision that eventually gave him super powers of memory and visualization to starting an earthquake in the New York City. It further reveals ways to learn how Tesla shaped our present world we live in today. This is a brilliant write up on the life and times of Nikola. Well detailed and motivating.

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