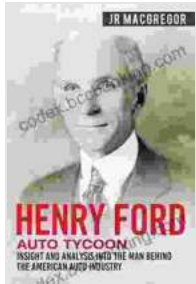


# Henry Ford: The Auto Tycoon Who Revolutionized American Industry



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Henry Ford was an American industrialist and business magnate who founded the Ford Motor Company. He is credited with developing the assembly line and mass production techniques that revolutionized manufacturing in the early 20th century. Ford's innovations had a profound impact on the American economy and society, and he is considered one of the most influential figures in American history.

### Early Life and Career

Henry Ford was born on July 30, 1863, in Dearborn, Michigan. He was the son of a farmer and a homemaker. Ford showed an early interest in mechanics and engineering. He dropped out of school at the age of 16 to

work as an apprentice machinist. In 1891, he moved to Detroit to work for the Edison Illuminating Company.

In 1896, Ford built his first car, the Quadricycle. The car was a success, and Ford soon founded his own company, the Ford Motor Company. The company's first car, the Model A, was introduced in 1903. The Model A was a success, and Ford soon became one of the leading automakers in the world.

### **The Assembly Line**

In 1913, Ford introduced the assembly line to his factory. The assembly line was a revolutionary innovation that allowed Ford to produce cars much faster and more efficiently than his competitors. The assembly line helped Ford to make cars affordable for the average American consumer. By 1918, Ford was producing over 500,000 cars per year.

### **Mass Production**

Ford's assembly line also led to the development of mass production. Mass production is a system of production in which large quantities of standardized products are produced.

Mass production had a profound impact on the American economy. It led to a decline in the cost of goods and an increase in the standard of living for Americans. Mass production also helped to create new jobs and industries.

### **The Five-Dollar Day**

In 1914, Ford shocked the business world by announcing that he would pay his workers a "five-dollar day." At the time, the average wage for a factory worker was \$2.50 per day. Ford's decision to pay his workers more than

double the going rate was a public relations coup. It helped to create a positive image for Ford and his company.

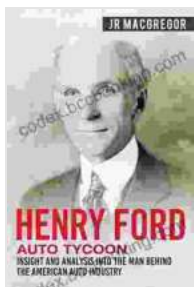
The five-dollar day also had a positive impact on Ford's bottom line. By paying his workers more, Ford was able to attract and retain the best workers in the industry. This led to increased productivity and quality.

## Legacy

Henry Ford died on April 7, 1947, at the age of 83. He is considered one of the most influential figures in American history. His innovations had a profound impact on the American economy and society. Ford's legacy continues to this day. The Ford Motor Company is still one of the largest and most successful automakers in the world.

## Additional Resources

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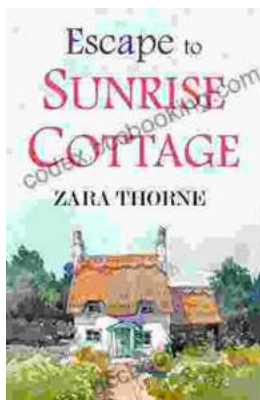
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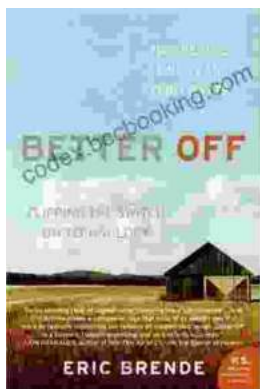
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