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One day in 1882, Thomas Edison flipped a switch that lit up lower Manhattan with incandescent light and changed the way people live ever after.

The electric light bulb was only one of thousands of Edison's inventions, which include the phonograph and the kinetoscope, an early precursor to the movie camera.

As a boy, observing a robin catch a worm and then take flight, he fed a playmate a mixture of worms and water to see if she could fly! Here's an accessible, appealing biography with 100 black-and-white illustrations.

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Matthew says

This book was very good and I learned a lot of things about Thomas Edison.

AMY says

106 pages. Great biography of a famous inventor. I did not know about all the inventions he worked on. Some were others' inventions he improved upon and some were his own. He was totally obsessed with electricity and kept going back to his phonograph machine to improve it. He had an interesting personal life along the way. I learned a lot and I think kids would enjoy it. There were some inspirational sayings and moments that he did not give up that will inspire kids. Highly recommended for grades 4-5.

Felipe Alfaro says

The Wizard of Menlo Park.

He changed the world so drastically, it is hard to imagine what the flow of history would have been like without him.

Would we have, recorded music? Movies? Lighting at night? Car batteries? Clear phone conversations? Yankee Stadium?

My guess is that we still would have developed most of these things, but at different times and in different ways. Even if Edison had only developed half of his inventions, that still would have greatly changed international business and the ways in which wars were fought. There is no telling what the result would have been, but I doubt we would be as technologically advanced now, as a global civilization, had he not existed.

He is one of the greatest inventors of all time, on par with Leonardo da Vinci!

Courtney Umlauf says

An excellent little biography of Edison. This series is a great one to have around for younger readers.

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Veronica Rivera says

I read this book with my nephew, and for a young reader of eight it was easy to understand and quick to read. Definitely a good book to get a young mind in the spirit of inventing as he heard about all the other things that Edison worked on beside the phonograph. Recommend for any adult with a young reader.

Janete says

What could I say about a genius?

Kelly says

Very interesting story. I would have given this book 5 stars if they would have covered more of his inventions. I felt like there was much more that could have been covered. Interesting all the same.

Jared Silva says

THIS BOOK IS BAD!!!!!!!

This book was terrible. DO NOT READ!!!! This man is a total weirdo. His wife was 16 when he was in his 20s!!! He is trying to catch a case. He did make the world lit tho but he did catch a case so he is even.

Joey Oborne says

This book was really good because I just knew that he made the lightbulb but the book tells about the time line when he was a kid till he died and he made new stuff and he had a company in NY make new stuff and he got famous for doing that and he was also famous for making the lightbulb and now like at night we have light to see all thanks to Thomas Alva Edison.

Fizzy says

I first discovered this series of books at Barnes & Noble while birthday shopping for Munch. I knew it would be perfect for him and with a sale going on I picked up several of people I knew he admired, because he talked about them all the time. And a few that I thought we could enjoy together as I wanted to expand his knowledge base and open his eyes to other things from our collective history. He took to the like Munch to a book, splendidly. He wants more. This particular book tells the life of Thomas Edison, not just his accomplishments but his life. It tells the story of his successes, as well as his failures. It tells the story of his spirit and his attitude to keep on going. This is something I want my Minions of Mayhem to embrace. Failure is giving up not in lack of success.

OK, Munch thinks it's his turn now. His thoughts... I honestly think it's kind of cool since it has my first name in it. It's kinda cool to learn about all the things he invented and not just the one thing everyone knows

- the light bulb. It's cool to learn about his childhood and what he did to make money. It teaches you and tells you about his children and his family. Tells you of the places he went and the things he did. Another thing cool is the people that Thomas was with and this book tells a little bit of their story as well (like Henry Ford and George Eastman who made the Kodiak camera). I like that he thought his greatest invention was the phonograph.

From the adult perspective I like that the illustrations and side bios are integral to the story and help to develop the story for the young reader. This book takes someone historically famous and makes them approachable and easy to understand. An interest in science is not born of graphs and formulas but of personal-ability and approachful-ness. I'm glad I discovered this series for Munch and hope to add to it for him and to the other Minions as well.

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Michelle Christensen says

I was disappointed with this book. I know some of the life of Thomas Edison. It felt like this author only wanted to focus on the good parts of Edison rather than being a well-rounded biography. This book avoided subjects like Nikola Tesla and the difference between alternating current and direct current. Those were major in Edison's life. The rest of the book was fairly interesting, but I wonder how complete.

Rocki says

Nice read for a quick summary of his life. No mention of his relationship with Tesla though.

Ashley Ramirez says

Who is Thomas Edison by Margaret Fith is about Thomas Edison and how his inventions started. As a young boy he was always curious and love to do experiments on almost everything. His curious mind turned into inventions that would end up helping everyone in the world to this day!

I give this book a 4/5 because I really enjoyed this small yet knowledgeable book. Although, I think they could have explained a couple more inventions he created.

I recommend this book to ALL ages if you just want to read a quick book on a previously famous or famous now person to get a little knowledge of who they were and what they did!

Natalie says

Great introduction to this amazing and inspirational man. Full of easy to understand information but not overwhelming. I love this series of books for older children.

Gideon says

man he inspired me to create an app called sy-mail.
