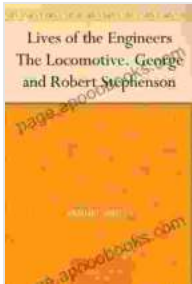


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First published in 1861, "Lives of the Engineers" is a classic work of engineering biography that tells the story of George and Robert Stephenson, the father and son who revolutionized transportation with their invention of the steam locomotive.

George Stephenson was born in 1781 in a small village in Northumberland, England. He was the son of a coal miner, and he began working in the mines at the age of eight. However, Stephenson had a thirst for knowledge, and he soon began to educate himself in engineering and mechanics.

In 1814, Stephenson built his first steam locomotive, the "Blucher." This locomotive was used to haul coal from the mines to the port of Newcastle-

upon-Tyne. The "Blucher" was a success, and it soon led to the development of more powerful and efficient locomotives.

In 1825, Stephenson and his son Robert founded the Stephenson Locomotive and Engine Company. This company built some of the most famous locomotives in history, including the "Rocket," which won the Rainhill Trials in 1829 and helped to establish the railway as the dominant form of transportation.

Robert Stephenson was born in 1803 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He followed in his father's footsteps and became an engineer. Robert Stephenson was responsible for the design and construction of some of the most important railway lines in the world, including the London and Birmingham Railway and the Grand Junction Railway.

George and Robert Stephenson were two of the most important figures in the history of engineering. Their invention of the steam locomotive revolutionized transportation and helped to usher in the Industrial Revolution. "Lives of the Engineers" is a fascinating and inspiring account of their lives and achievements.

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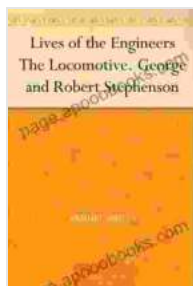
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