

First Flight, Final Fall: The Farnsworth Story

Philo Farnsworth, a young inventor from Utah, is credited with being the father of television. In 1927, at the age of 21, he demonstrated the first working television system to the world. However, Farnsworth's invention was quickly stolen by David Sarnoff, the head of RCA, and he spent the rest of his life fighting for recognition and compensation.



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Farnsworth was born in Beaver, Utah, in 1906. He was a brilliant student, and by the age of 15, he had already built a working radio. In 1922, he enrolled at Brigham Young University, where he began to work on his television system. Farnsworth's system was based on the use of an electron beam to scan an image and then transmit it over a wire or through the air.

In 1927, Farnsworth gave a demonstration of his television system to a group of scientists and journalists in San Francisco. The demonstration was a success, and Farnsworth was hailed as a genius. However, Sarnoff,

who had been closely following Farnsworth's work, was determined to steal the invention for RCA.

Sarnoff used his influence and wealth to file a series of patent lawsuits against Farnsworth. Farnsworth was unable to afford to fight the lawsuits, and in 1934, he was forced to sell the rights to his television system to RCA for a mere \$1 million. Farnsworth never received any royalties from the sale of his invention, and he died in poverty in 1971.

The story of Philo Farnsworth is a tragic tale of genius and betrayal. Farnsworth was a true pioneer, and his invention of television has had a profound impact on the world. However, he never received the recognition or compensation he deserved, and he died a broken man.

Farnsworth's Legacy

Despite his untimely death, Farnsworth's legacy lives on. His invention of television has revolutionized the way we communicate and entertain ourselves. Today, television is one of the most important and influential technologies in the world, and it is used by billions of people every day.

Farnsworth's story is a reminder that true genius is often unrecognized and unrewarded. However, his work has had a lasting impact on the world, and he will always be remembered as one of the greatest inventors of all time.

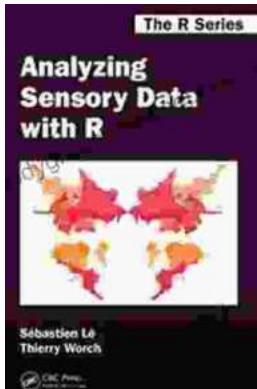


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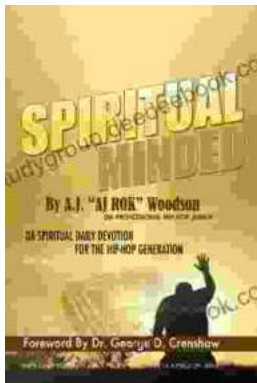
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