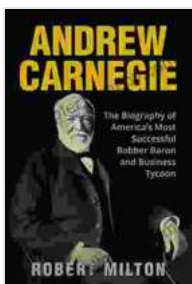


The Biography of America's Most Successful Robber Baron and Business Tycoon

Cornelius Vanderbilt was born on May 27, 1794, in Staten Island, New York. His father was a farmer and his mother was a homemaker. Vanderbilt had a humble upbringing, but he was ambitious from a young age. He dropped out of school at the age of 11 to help his father on the farm.

In 1810, Vanderbilt left home to seek his fortune in New York City. He worked as a clerk in a shipping company and then as a ferryboat captain. In 1817, he started his own ferry service between Staten Island and Manhattan.

Vanderbilt's ferry service was a success, and he soon expanded his operations to include other routes. In the 1820s, he began investing in steamboats. Steamboats were a new technology that was revolutionizing transportation, and Vanderbilt saw their potential.



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In 1833, Vanderbilt founded the New York and Staten Island Steamboat Company. The company was a success, and Vanderbilt soon became one of the leading steamboat operators in the country. In the 1840s, he expanded his operations to include railroads.

Vanderbilt's railroads were a major success, and he soon became one of the wealthiest men in the country. He was known for his ruthless business practices, which often involved undercutting his competitors and using his wealth and power to gain an advantage.

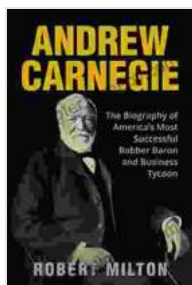
In the 1860s, Vanderbilt expanded his empire to include shipping. He founded the Vanderbilt Line, which was one of the largest shipping companies in the world. Vanderbilt's shipping company transported goods and people to all corners of the globe.

Cornelius Vanderbilt died in 1877, at the age of 82. He was one of the wealthiest men in the world and the founder of a vast business empire that would last for generations. Vanderbilt's legacy is complex and controversial. He was a ruthless businessman who often used his wealth and power to gain an advantage. However, he was also a brilliant entrepreneur who built a business empire that would revolutionize the way Americans traveled and traded.

Vanderbilt's story is a fascinating look at one of the most important figures in American history. It is a story of success, ambition, and ruthlessness. It is also a story of the rise of capitalism in the United States and the role that robber barons played in shaping the country's economic landscape.

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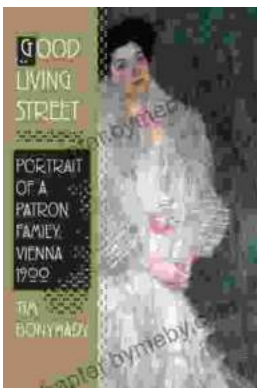
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