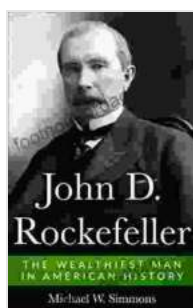
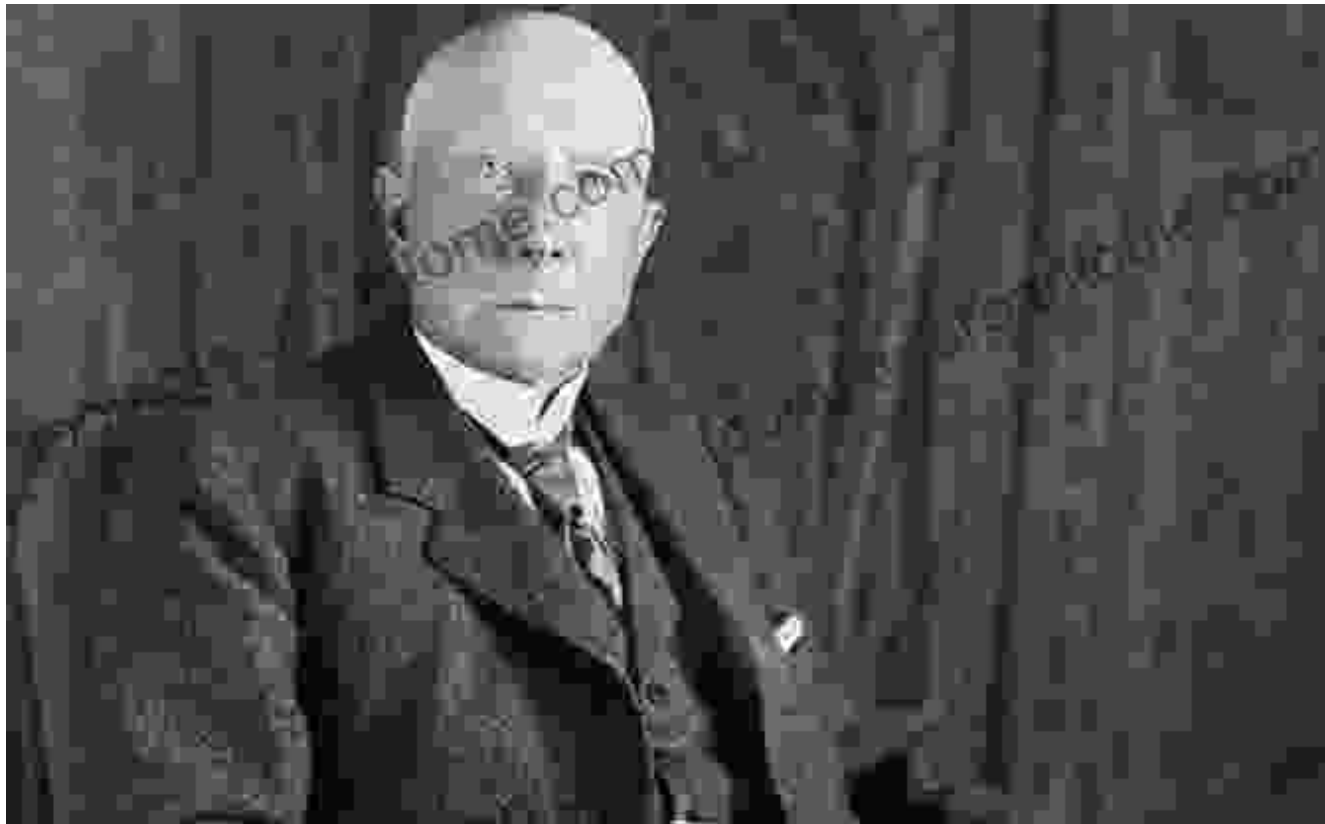


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Rockefeller's family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, when he was 14 years old. Rockefeller attended Central High School, and he graduated in 1855 at the age of 16. After graduation, Rockefeller worked as a clerk in a commission house. He was a quick learner and a hard worker, and he soon became a successful businessman. In 1870, Rockefeller founded Standard Oil Company. Standard Oil quickly became the dominant force in the oil industry, and Rockefeller became one of the richest men in the world.

Rockefeller's wealth gave him great power and influence. He used his wealth to support a variety of philanthropic causes, including education, medicine, and the arts. He also founded the University of Chicago and the Rockefeller Foundation. Rockefeller was a controversial figure, and his business practices were often criticized. However, there is no doubt that he was a brilliant businessman and a generous philanthropist. He left a lasting legacy on the United States, and his story continues to inspire people today.

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Rockefeller's Business Empire

Standard Oil Company was founded by John D. Rockefeller in 1863. The company quickly became the dominant force in the oil industry, and Rockefeller became one of the richest men in the world. Standard Oil's success was due in part to Rockefeller's ruthless business practices. He used his wealth and power to crush his competitors, and he often resorted to illegal tactics to gain an advantage. However, Rockefeller was also a brilliant businessman. He was a shrewd negotiator, and he had a knack for spotting new opportunities. Standard Oil was one of the first companies to use economies of scale to reduce costs, and it was also one of the first companies to invest in research and development. As a result, Standard Oil was able to produce oil more efficiently and cheaply than its competitors.

Rockefeller's business practices were often criticized, but there is no doubt that he was a brilliant businessman. He built Standard Oil into a global empire, and he left a lasting legacy on the oil industry.

Rockefeller's Philanthropy

John D. Rockefeller was a generous philanthropist. He donated millions of dollars to a variety of causes, including education, medicine, and the arts. He founded the University of Chicago and the Rockefeller Foundation, and he supported numerous other institutions. Rockefeller's philanthropy was motivated by a desire to improve the world and to make a difference in the lives of others. He believed that everyone had a responsibility to give back to society, and he set an example by giving generously to those in need.

Rockefeller's philanthropy had a profound impact on the United States. The University of Chicago is one of the leading research universities in the world, and the Rockefeller Foundation has supported countless important projects in the fields of education, medicine, and the arts. Rockefeller's generosity has left a lasting legacy on the United States, and his example continues to inspire others to give back to their communities.

Rockefeller's Legacy

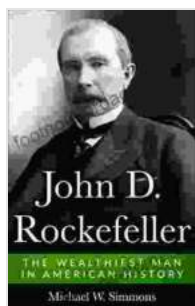
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brilliant businessman. He built Standard Oil into a global empire, and he left a lasting legacy on the oil industry. Rockefeller's philanthropy was also significant. He donated millions of dollars to a variety of causes, and he founded the University of Chicago and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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