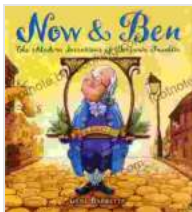


# Now, Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was a man of many talents. He was a scientist, inventor, statesman, author, and diplomat. He is best known for his contributions to the American Revolution, but he also made significant contributions to science and technology.

One of Franklin's most famous inventions is the lightning rod. He invented the lightning rod in 1752 after conducting a series of experiments with electricity. The lightning rod is a metal rod that is placed on top of a building or other structure to protect it from lightning strikes. Lightning rods work by attracting lightning strikes and conducting the electricity safely into the ground.



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lengths, one for near vision and one for far vision. This allows people to see both near and far objects clearly without having to switch glasses.

Franklin also invented the Franklin stove. The Franklin stove is a cast-iron stove that is designed to heat a room more efficiently than traditional fireplaces. Franklin stoves are more efficient than fireplaces because they have a closed firebox and a chimney that draws smoke and gases up and out of the room.

In addition to these three inventions, Franklin also invented a number of other devices, including:

\* The Pennsylvania fireplace \* The glass armonica \* The catheter \* The flexible urinary catheter \* The lightning rod \* The odometer \* The bifocals \* The Franklin stove

Franklin's inventions have had a profound impact on the world. His lightning rod has helped to protect countless buildings from lightning strikes. His bifocals have helped millions of people to see clearly. And his Franklin stove has helped to make homes and businesses more comfortable and energy-efficient.

Franklin was a true Renaissance man. He was a man of many talents and interests, and he made significant contributions to a wide range of fields. His inventions have had a lasting impact on the world, and he is remembered as one of the most important figures in American history.

## **The Lightning Rod**

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Franklin's invention of the lightning rod was a major breakthrough in the field of electricity. Before the lightning rod, lightning strikes were a major hazard to buildings and other structures. Lightning strikes could cause fires, destroy property, and even kill people. Franklin's lightning rod helped to make buildings and other structures safer from lightning strikes.

The lightning rod is a simple device, but it is very effective. Lightning rods are still used today to protect buildings and other structures from lightning strikes.

## **The Bifocals**

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Franklin's invention of the bifocals was a major breakthrough in the field of optics. Before bifocals, people who had difficulty seeing both near and far objects had to wear two pairs of glasses, one for near vision and one for far vision. This was inconvenient and often uncomfortable. Bifocals allowed people to see both near and far objects clearly with just one pair of glasses.

Bifocals are still used today to correct vision problems. Bifocals are available in a variety of styles and materials, so people can find a pair that meets their individual needs.

## **The Franklin Stove**

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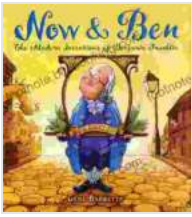
Franklin invented the Franklin stove in 1742. He was inspired to invent the stove after he visited a friend's house and saw how inefficient the fireplace was at heating the room. Franklin's stove was a major improvement over traditional fireplaces. It was more efficient, it produced less smoke, and it was safer.

The Franklin stove quickly became popular in America. It was used to heat homes, businesses, and schools. The Franklin stove is still used today, and it is considered to be one of the most efficient wood-burning stoves on the market.

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Franklin's inventions are a testament to his creativity and ingenuity. He was able to see problems and find solutions that others had overlooked. His

inventions have made the world a better place, and they continue to be used today.



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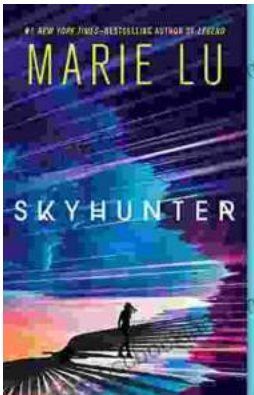
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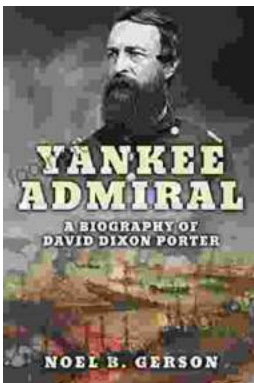
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