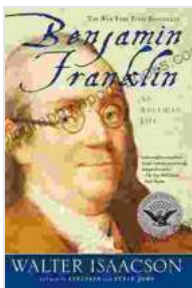


# Benjamin Franklin: An American Life



Franklin was born in Boston in 1706. He was the fifteenth of seventeen children. His father was a candle maker and soap boiler. Franklin's formal education ended at the age of ten, but he continued to read and learn throughout his life. He apprenticed as a printer with his older brother

James. In 1723, he ran away to Philadelphia, where he worked as a printer and publisher.



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Franklin's printing business was successful, and he soon became involved in public affairs. He founded the Philadelphia Junto, a discussion group that met to debate current events. He also served as a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly and the Continental Congress.

In 1775, Franklin was sent to France as a diplomat. He helped to secure French support for the American Revolution. He also negotiated the Treaty of Paris, which ended the war in 1783.

Franklin returned to the United States in 1785. He served as the first Postmaster General of the United States from 1775 to 1782. He also helped to found the University of Pennsylvania.

Franklin died in Philadelphia in 1790. He is buried in Christ Church Burial Ground.

Franklin was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a man of great intellect and curiosity. He was also a practical man who made significant contributions to American society. He is considered one of the most important figures in American history.

## **Franklin's Legacy**

Franklin's legacy is vast. He is remembered as a printer, publisher, inventor, scientist, statesman, and diplomat. He helped to shape the course of American history, and his ideas continue to inspire people today.

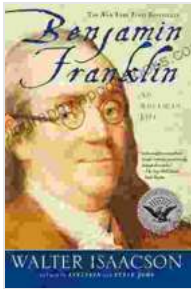
Here are just a few of Franklin's accomplishments:

- He helped to draft the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
- He served as the first Postmaster General of the United States.
- He founded the University of Pennsylvania.
- He invented the lightning rod, the bifocals, and the Franklin stove.
- He discovered the Gulf Stream.

Franklin was a true Renaissance man. He was interested in everything, and he made significant contributions to many different fields. He is an inspiration to us all, and his legacy will continue to live on for centuries to come.

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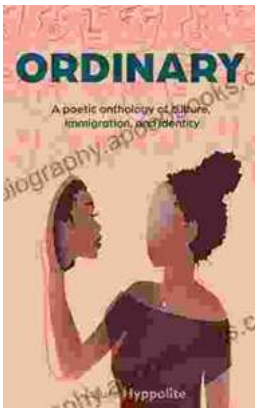
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