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From the best-selling author of THE DINOSAUR HUNTERS and THE LOST KING OF FRANCE comes the story of how our modern world was forged -- in rivets, grease and steam; in blood, sweat and human imagination. The nineteenth century saw the creation of some of the world's most incredible feats of engineering. Deborah Cadbury explores the history behind the epic monuments that spanned the industrial revolution from Brunel's extraordinary Great Eastern, the Titanic of its day that joined the two ends of the empire, to the Panama Canal, that linked the Atlantic and Pacific oceans half a century later. Seven Wonders of the Industrial World recreates the stories of the most brilliant pioneers of the industrial age, their burning ambitions and extravagant dreams, their passions and rivalries as great minds clashed. These were men such as Arthur Powell-Davis, the engineer behind the Hoover Dam, who dreamed of creating the largest dam in the world by diverting the entire Colorado river, one of the world's most dangerous and unpredictable, or John Roebling, who lost his life creating the Brooklyn Bridge, the longest suspension bridge ever built. These are also the stories of countless unsung heroes -

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Ross says

A bit of a stretch to give it 3 stars, but the subject 7 great projects are very interesting to me. My main problem is the author is writing about engineering and design elements she really doesn't understand, so much of the technical aspects of the projects come across in a confused manner.

She also tends to overly dramatize risk aspects of the projects, but I recommend this book for everyone with an interest in large human endeavors.

A major shortcoming is the book has no maps, charts, and illustrations in subject matter that cries out for all three.

Success says

This wonderful book speaks about the engineering marvels civil engineers have worked on back in the 1800's and even 1900's which even today stands as proof to what human beings are capable of achieving. The Hoover Dam, Panama canal, Bell Rock Lighthouse, Sewer King, Great Ship, Brooklyn Bridge and the Line are sections of the book describing how individual engineers had personal dreams to conquer and in so doing, have even given up their very lives to make their dreams become reality.

Cyn says

A great companion to the series with a lot more detail. Well written.

Amelia says

Having watched at least two episodes of this dramatised for the BBC on Netflix, I cheated and didn't read those chapters.

The others, while good, glossed over too many things I wanted to know more about and went into random details I didn't care about.

A good general introduction, but if you really want to know any detail about the creation of these "wonders" read something about each explicitly.

Chrissy says

I found this absolutely RIVETING. It's so fascinating to get this "behind the curtain" glance about things you may not ever have really thought about. Well-written and very engaging IMO.

Jonathan says

Deborah Cadbury has a superb turn of phrase and the knack explaining complex engineering in a way that non specialists can understand.

John says

I read the hardback version...

This book is an excellent tie-in to the BBC TV programme of the same name. Filled with historical data concerning The Great Easter, Bell Rock Lighthouse, Brooklyn Bridge, London Sewers, Transcontinental Railroad, Panama Canal and The Hoover Dam.

It sounds dry... but what you read and learn will leave you amazed at the skill and injenuity of the engineers involved... and the often "labour of love" that their monumental projects were.

Kym Robinson says

A wonderful book which covers several fascinating people in the Industrial age and the great accomplishments which they achieved.

It goes hand in hand with the series of the same name. Also worth a view and provides another medium which is both entertaining and informative on the subject matter.

89 %

Amanda says

I didn't want this book to finish.

I did notice that the first Wonder was actually missing from my Kindle version! ?

David says

Read the book then saw the TV series about 18 months later. Enlightening, thought provoking and interesting. Also a good reminder of how lifestyles have changed but individuals have not.
