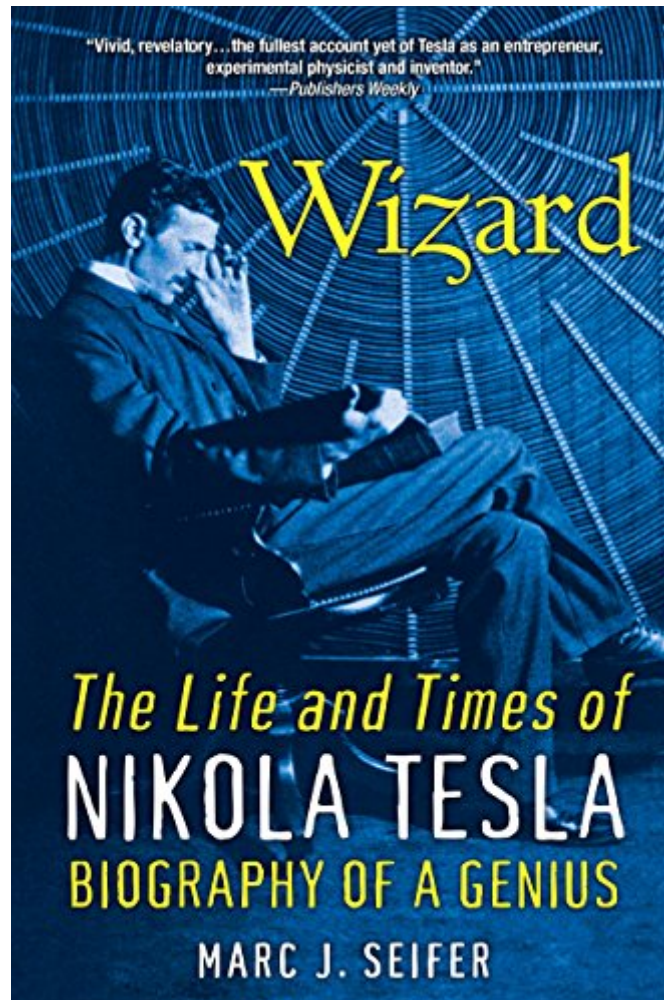




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The book is heavy with technical data, rich with personal observation, thick and valiant and daring, on behalf of one of the world’s most inventive, most creative, and least understood men of genius and imagination. It also serves to put Tesla into historical perspective at a time of alternative prosperity and penury, when great men raised their heads and flaunted their caprice, unsuspectingly carrying the world with them. It was a time of dazzling industry, collecting of art and culture, remarkable ideas and outrageous achievement, at the onset of the American wonderment

that caught the rest of the world by the scruff of the neck. Not a book for just anyone, it is nonetheless passionate and committed, worth the effort of a sometimes plodding devotion to research.

I saw a recommendation for this book on TheOatmeal dot com, and am very impressed by Tesla's life story. But I found that the book got mired in technical concepts that it didn't explain, resulting in an unsatisfactory reading.

The most appropriately written text of the Tesla biographies that I've read. Factual as well as interesting, and also sheds some light on prior efforts that fall short in various ways, without being the least bit condescending or disrespectful. A scholarly work that holds the readers interest from beginning to end, and includes reflection of Tesla, the man and his work, in the light of modern times and current interest in the subject.

Great read - should be mandatory reading for high school students. Book arrived on time and in perfect condition.

A little slow, but what do you expect. I wish that more schools would teach about Tesla, and this book taught me quite a bit more than the other research around. Seems to get a bit more in depth on a lot of things, and even though there seems to be quite a few issues and discrepancies over the years about Tesla this seems to wade through the junk, and make it out on the other side intact.

I like books where the narrator tells a story with the inclusion of facts. This is just a bunch of facts. Too many of them.

This is THE book on Tesla!

A very insightful look at the idiosyncratic, visionary inventor that gave us electricity as we know it, not to mention the radio, fluorescent lights and remote control. His groundbreaking work with electricity at the turn of the 19th Century was more important than Edison or Westinghouse and ushered in the modern age. Tesla is right up there with Einstein and should be celebrated the world over. His legacy has remained somewhat buried in history, due primarily to contemporaries pirating his work and his penchant for hitching his cart to the wrong financial horses of the gilded age,

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