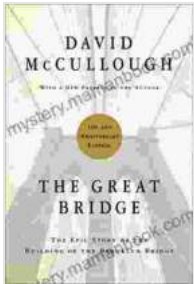


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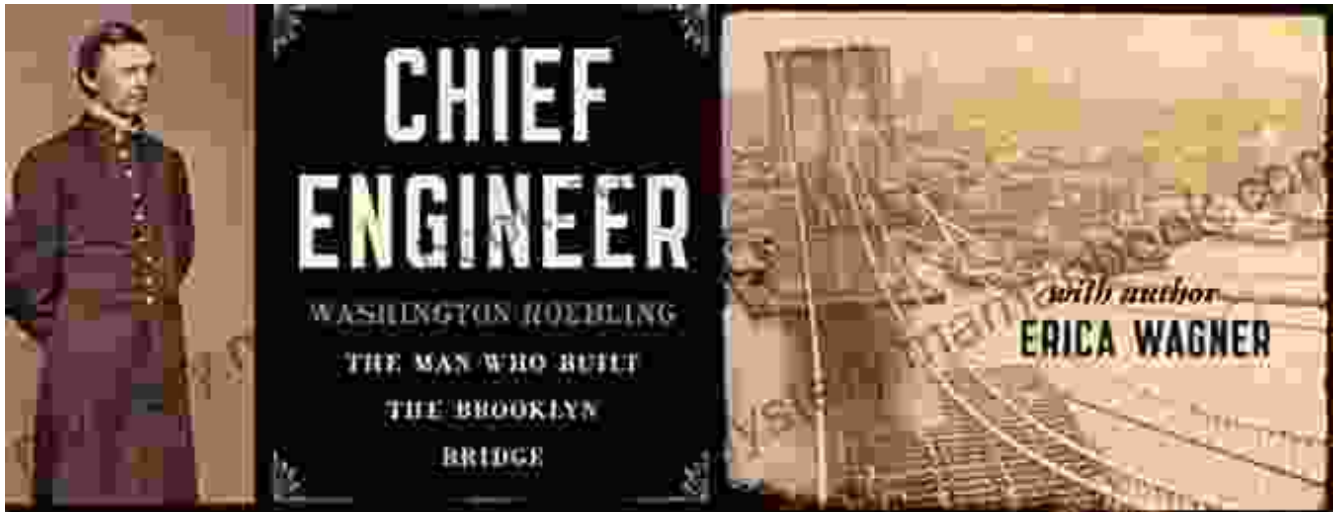


The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the most iconic bridges in the world, and its construction was an epic undertaking. The bridge was designed by John Roebling, who had previously designed the Brooklyn Navy Yard Dry Dock, and construction began in 1869. However, Roebling died in a construction accident in 1872, and his son, Washington Roebling, took over as chief engineer.

The bridge was built using a caisson, which is a watertight chamber that allowed workers to dig underwater. The caisson was sunk into the East River, and workers dug out the riverbed to create a foundation for the bridge's towers. The towers were then built using granite blocks, and the

cables were stretched across the river. The bridge was finally completed in 1883, and it has been a beloved landmark ever since.

John Roebling: The Visionary Engineer



John Roebling was born in Germany in 1806. He studied engineering in Berlin, and he came to the United States in 1831. Roebling was a brilliant engineer, and he designed a number of bridges and other structures, including the Brooklyn Navy Yard Dry Dock and the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge.

Roebling's vision for the Brooklyn Bridge was to create a bridge that would be both beautiful and functional. He wanted to build a bridge that would connect the two boroughs of New York City, Brooklyn and Manhattan, and he wanted to build a bridge that would be strong enough to withstand the harsh conditions of the East River.

Washington Roebling: The Son Who Carried on His Father's Dream



Washington Roebling, the son who carried on his father's dream of building the Brooklyn Bridge

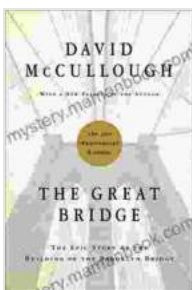
Washington Roebling was born in 1837, and he followed in his father's footsteps as an engineer. He studied engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and he worked with his father on the Brooklyn Navy Yard Dry Dock and the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge.

When his father died in 1872, Washington Roebling took over as chief engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge. He was determined to complete his father's dream, and he oversaw the construction of the bridge for the next 11 years.

Emily Warren Roebling: The Unsung Heroine of the Brooklyn Bridge



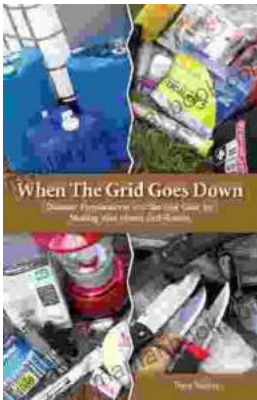
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