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A gripping, groundbreaking biography of the combative man whose genius and force of will created modern capitalism. Founder of a dynasty, builder of the original Grand Central, creator of an impossibly vast fortune, Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt is an American icon. When Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt () is mentioned today, the educated public, including members of the history community, surely have immediate negative thoughts. This biography provides a detailed account of the life of T. J. Stiles is the author of *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*, winner of the National Book Award in Nonfiction and the Pulitzer Prize in Biography, and *Jesse James: Last Rebel of the Civil War*, which won the Ambassador Book Award and the Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship. Meticulously researched and elegantly written, *The First Tycoon* describes an improbable life, from Vanderbilt's humble birth during the presidency of George Washington to his death as one of the richest men in American history. The popular view is that he was a bona fide robber baron, another Jay Gould or John D. Rockefeller. *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* Winner, National Book Awards for Nonfiction. Founder of a dynasty, builder of the original Grand Central, *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* by T. J. Stiles The nd greatest book of all time. What is especially telling about Vanderbilt is that he lived and What better way to learn about the man Cornelius Vanderbilt than to read T.J. Stiles' book *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*. In between we see how the Commodore helped to launch the transportation revolution, propel the Gold Rush, reshape In this groundbreaking biography, T.J. Stiles tells the dramatic story of Cornelius "Commodore" Vanderbilt, the combative man and American icon who, through his genius and force of will, did more than perhaps any other individual to create modern capitalism. *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* is a biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt, ath-century American industrialist and philanthropist who built his When Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt () is mentioned today, the educated public, including members of the history community, surely have immediate negative Stiles has created a massive life-and-times biography that traces the long and varied Horatio Alger-like career of Vanderbilt from his earliest ventures in transportation, small > *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt*. ISBN A biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the quintessential "robber baron," a man widely revered as well as hated. Meticulously researched and elegantly written, *The First Tycoon* describes an improbable life, from Vanderbilt's humble birth during the presidency of George Washington to his A gripping, groundbreaking biography of the combative man whose genius and force of will created modern capitalism. A descendant of Dutch settlers, Cornelius Vanderbilt was born into humble circumstances on Staten Island, New York Books. Meticulously researched and elegantly written, *The First Tycoon* describes an *The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt* is a biography of Cornelius Vanderbilt, ath-century American industrialist and philanthropist who built his fortune in the shipping and railroad industries, becoming one of the wealthiest Americans in the history of the U.S. It was written by American biographer T. J. Stiles. J. Stiles has created a massive life-and-times biography that traces the long and varied Horatio Alger-like career of Vanderbilt from his earliest ventures in transportation, small sailing craft in New York harbor, to his activities with steamboats, ships, and railroads.