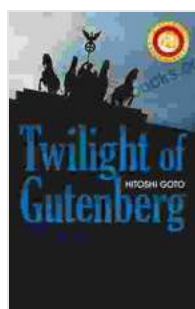# Twilight of Gutenberg: Hitoshi Goto and the Dawn of the Information Age

In the early days of the 20th century, the world was on the cusp of a new era. The Industrial Revolution had transformed the way people lived and worked, and the invention of the computer was about to usher in a new age of information. At the forefront of this revolution was a brilliant young Japanese engineer named Hitoshi Goto.

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Goto was born in 1912 in Tokyo, Japan. He was a precocious child with a keen interest in science and technology. He graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1934 with a degree in electrical engineering. After graduation, Goto worked for a number of different companies, including the Nippon Electric Company and the Tokyo Shibaura Electric Company. In 1946, he founded his own company, the Goto Denshi Kenkyusho (Goto Electronics Research Institute).

Goto's research focused on the development of electronic computers. In 1951, he built Japan's first electronic computer, the ETL Mark I. The ETL Mark I was a small, vacuum-tube computer that was used for scientific research and development. Goto's work on the ETL Mark I helped to lay the foundation for the Japanese computer industry.

In the early 1960s, Goto began to work on the development of a new type of computer, the personal computer. Goto believed that personal computers would revolutionize the way people worked and lived. He wanted to create a computer that was affordable, easy to use, and powerful enough to meet the needs of everyday users.

In 1972, Goto released the first personal computer, the PC-1. The PC-1 was a small, desktop computer that was powered by a 4-bit microprocessor. The PC-1 was an instant success, and it helped to popularize the personal computer. Goto's work on the PC-1 helped to lay the foundation for the modern personal computer industry.

Goto continued to work on the development of personal computers throughout the 1970s and 1980s. He released a number of new models, including the PC-2, the PC-3, and the PC-4. Goto's personal computers were known for their affordability, ease of use, and reliability. They were used by a wide range of people, including students, businessmen, and hobbyists.

Goto's work had a profound impact on the development of the information age. He helped to make computers more affordable, easier to use, and more powerful. His work helped to lay the foundation for the modern

personal computer industry and the internet. Goto is considered one of the most important figures in the history of computing.

Twilight of Gutenberg: Hitoshi Goto and the Dawn of the Information Age is a fascinating and insightful look at the life and work of this pioneering computer scientist and engineer. The book is written by Jon Gertner, a technology writer and journalist. Gertner has interviewed Goto and many of his colleagues and friends. He has also conducted extensive research on Goto's life and work. Twilight of Gutenberg is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of computing or the information age.
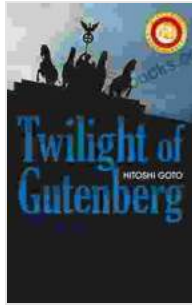
Here are some of the key takeaways from Twilight of Gutenberg:

- Hitoshi Goto was a brilliant computer scientist and engineer who played a key role in the development of the information age.

- Goto's work helped to lay the foundation for the modern personal computer industry and the internet.

- Goto was a visionary who believed that personal computers would revolutionize the way people worked and lived.

- Goto's work had a profound impact on the development of the information age.

If you are interested in learning more about Hitoshi Goto and his work, I highly recommend reading Twilight of Gutenberg. It is a fascinating and insightful look at the life and work of one of the most important figures in the history of computing.

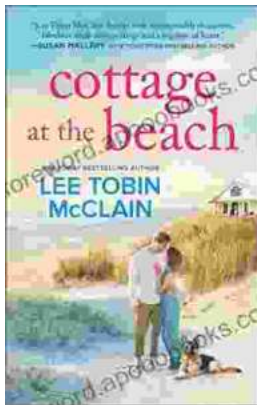**Twilight of Gutenberg** by Hitoshi Goto

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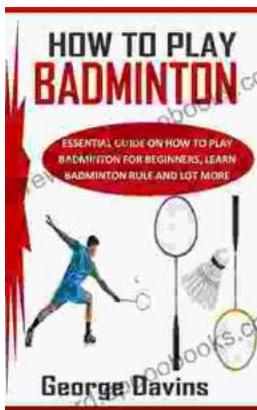|	
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