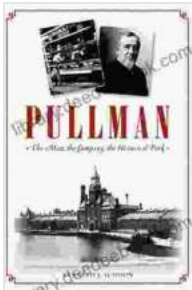


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George Pullman: Industrialist and Visionary

George Pullman was born in 1831 in Brocton, New York. He was the son of a blacksmith and a schoolteacher. Pullman displayed an entrepreneurial spirit from a young age, starting his first business, a hardware store, at the age of 21. However, it was his work in the railroad industry that would make him famous.

In 1858, Pullman patented a new type of railroad car that he called the "sleeping car." This car was designed to provide passengers with a comfortable and luxurious place to sleep while traveling on long-distance

trains. The sleeping car was an instant success, and Pullman soon founded the Pullman Palace Car Company to manufacture and operate these cars.

The Pullman Palace Car Company quickly became one of the most successful businesses in the United States. By the late 1880s, the company was operating over 2,000 sleeping cars and employed over 10,000 people. Pullman was a shrewd businessman, and he used his wealth to build a model town for his workers in Pullman, Illinois.

The Pullman Company Town

Pullman, Illinois, was founded in 1880 by George Pullman. The town was designed to be a model of industrial harmony and efficiency. Pullman provided his workers with housing, schools, churches, and other amenities. He also established a company store where workers could purchase goods at reduced prices.

However, the Pullman company town was not without its critics. Some workers complained that they were paid too little and that they were forced to live in company-owned housing. In 1894, the workers at the Pullman Palace Car Company went on strike in protest of these conditions. The Pullman strike was one of the most violent labor disputes in American history, and it resulted in the deaths of several workers and police officers.

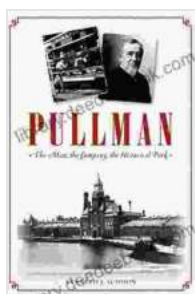
The Pullman Historical Park

Today, the Pullman Historical Park is a National Historic Landmark that tells the story of George Pullman, the Pullman Palace Car Company, and the Pullman strike. The park includes the Pullman Factory Complex, which has been restored to its original appearance. Visitors can also tour the Pullman

State Historic Site, which includes the Pullman Mansion and the Pullman Workers' Homes.

The Pullman Historical Park is a fascinating place to learn about American history and labor relations. It is a must-see for anyone interested in the history of the railroad industry or the labor movement.

George Pullman was a complex and controversial figure. He was a brilliant industrialist who revolutionized the railroad industry. However, he was also a ruthless businessman who exploited his workers. The Pullman Historical Park tells the story of both the man and the company he created, and it offers a valuable lesson about the importance of labor rights.



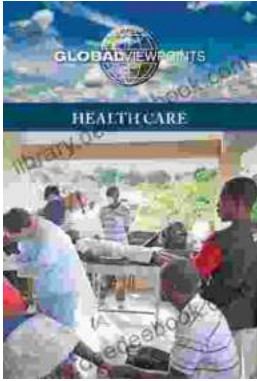
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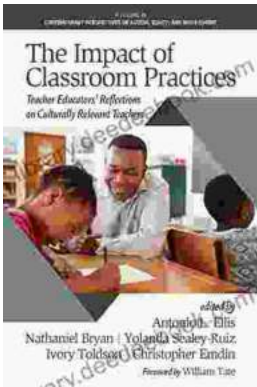
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