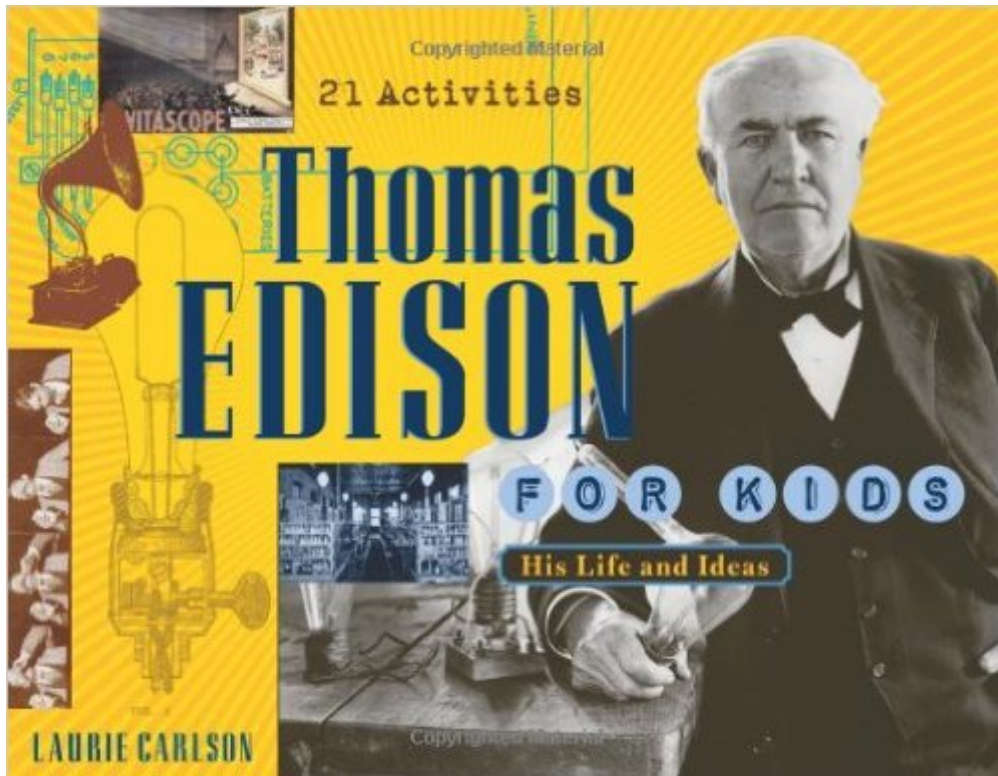


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# Thomas Edison For Kids: His Life And Ideas, 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



## Synopsis

Thomas Edison, one of the world's greatest inventors, is introduced in this fascinating activity book. Children will learn how Edison ushered in an astounding age of invention with his unique way of looking at things and refusal to be satisfied with only one solution to a problem. This book helps inspire kids to be inventors and scientists, as well as persevere with their own ideas. Activities allow children to try Edison's experiments themselves, with activities such as making a puppet dance using static electricity, manufacturing a switch for electric current, constructing a telegraph machine, manipulating sound waves, building an electrical circuit to test for conductors and insulators, making a zoetrope, and testing a dandelion for latex. In addition to his inventions and experiments, the book explores Edison's life outside of science, including his relationship with inventor Nikola Tesla, his rivalry with George Westinghouse, and his friendship with Henry Ford. A time line, glossary, and lists of supply sources, places to visit, and websites for further exploration complement this activity book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Laurie Carlson has done it again! Well known for her history, science and activity books for kids, Carlson has now applied her significant energies to creating a resource for parents, teachers and

children to learn more about Thomas Edison's life, times and inventions in an engaging, hands-on manner. Like her entire catalog of kids' educational activity books, Thomas Edison for Kids provides ample context for the experiments and projects so that children may gain a full understanding of what it is that they're doing and why. Along the way, discussions of Edison's methods, perseverance, constant pursuit of knowledge model an enthusiasm for general scientific discovery not often seen by the young (or any of us, really). Additional historical context is provided by abundant archival photos and examinations of Edison's relationships with his peers, friends and rivals of the time - Tesla and Ford among them. The activities cover a range of interests and abilities, from constructing an electrical circuit to testing botanicals. Adults will want to read the directions thoroughly before sitting down with impatient little ones - diagrams for experiments are rather basic for those of us somewhat removed from our science class years. That said, they are usually easy to set-up and generally don't require too much in the way of specialized equipment. One of the best features of the book is a comprehensive resource list of ideas for field trips and outings, websites, and sources for supplies needed for activities. Along with the time line and glossary they will help parents and teachers satisfy the curiosity about Edison that this book raises in their little scientists.

Found this book to teach (as a parent) an inventors unit to 1st and 2nd graders. This book has lots of details about Thomas Edison and his cohorts. Found some activities that I could do with the kids.

I bought this book for my 4th grader. He loves reading it. It has a lot of fun facts about Edison's life and creations. Easy to read and keeps their attention. Our whole family enjoyed this book. Very child friendly.

The book may indicate it's for kids but adults can certainly learn something from the material in this wonderful jam-packed informative reader.

We read a chapter a day aloud for two weeks as our historical biography. We didn't do the experiments, because science this year is zoology, and I still had to set up the DNA experiments...

I like this book because it has a lot of information about Thomas Edison and his inventions. I would like to try out some of the things in this book and maybe more.

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