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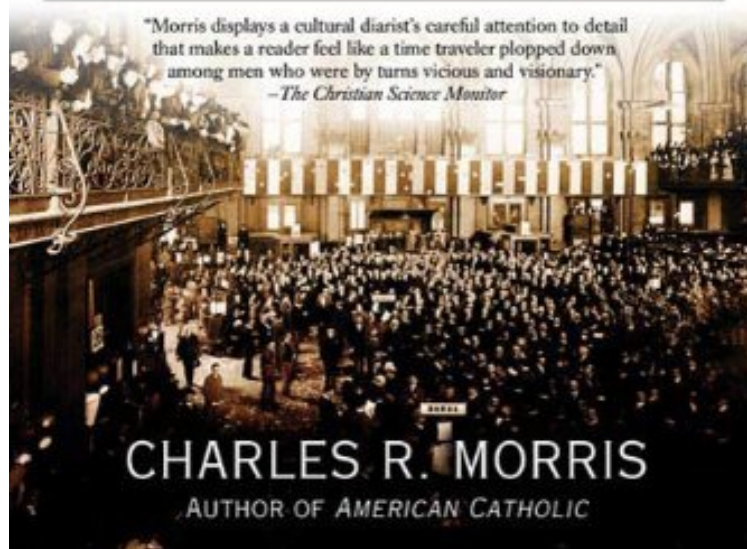
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Kindle, I have developed a taste for American history, in particular that for the years of the Revolution and then the absolutely transformative 19th Century. These four tycoons seem to me unique in that while the Industrial Revolution was in progress on both sides of the Atlantic, no comparable group of men appeared in Europe. Three of them virtually invented our modern industrial world, with their empires of railroads, oil, and steel, and the fourth, Morgan, presided over its financing. In forty years we went from Antietam to Standard Oil. The only flaw in the book is the author's digression into the technological problem of manufacturing interchangeable parts, presumably to use notes left over from his previous book on the subject. I recommend this to anyone interested in the wheels and pulleys hidden behind the cycloramas of flags and battles and preening generals we usually think of as History.

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By carlos denton

The thing that makes this book especially useful is that the author weaves their stories into a general analysis of the dramatic changes that took place in the US economy, particularly in the second half of the 19th century. After the Civil War the US became a leading manufacturer, surpassing anything to be found in Europe, and these men had important roles in this process. Three of the four came from humble origins, while JP Morgan's father had already become an important figure in the banking industry. Jay Gould, who was primarily a railroad man, was able to outsmart Cornelius Vanderbilt, the US' first tycoon and not covered in the book, at times when the latter was being helped by Morgan. These are key players in forming the United States into what it became in the 20th century. A very interesting read!

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By ronald a. moore

This is a very interesting book full of meaningful facts and interesting anecdotes, unfortunately the organization of presentation is less than would be ideal. There are, for example too many instances where you have an understanding of a situation that could have been possible earlier in the narrative had the information been related in a more suitable sequence. Overall I liked the book and feel it gave me a good overview of the subjects.

"Makes a reader feel like a time traveler plopped down among men who were by turns vicious and visionary."—The Christian Science Monitor

The modern American economy was the creation of four men: Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, Jay Gould, and J. P. Morgan. They were the giants of the Gilded Age, a moment of riotous growth that established America as the richest, most inventive, and most productive country on the planet. Acclaimed author Charles R. Morris vividly brings the men and their times to life. The ruthlessly competitive Carnegie, the imperial Rockefeller, and the provocateur Gould were obsessed with progress, experiment, and speed. They were balanced by Morgan, the gentleman businessman, who fought, instead, for a global trust in American business. Through their antagonism and their verve, they built an industrial behemoth—and a country of middle-class consumers. *The Tycoons* tells the incredible story of how these four determined men wrenched the economy into the modern age, inventing a nation of full economic participation that could not have been imagined only a few decades earlier.