



## Eureka: How Invention Happens

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Yale. 1 Cloth(s), 2015. hard. Book Condition: New. Tracing the long pre-history of five 20th-century inventions that have transformed our lives, British social historian Gavin Weightman reveals a fantastic cast of scientists and inspired amateurs whose collective ingenuity has given us the airplane, television, bar codes, personal computers, and mobile phones. Not one of these inventions can be attributed to a lone genius who experiences a moment of inspiration, notes Weightman; nearly all innovations exist in the imagination before they are finally made to work by the hard labor of inventors drawing on the discoveries of others. Weightman's study also shows that, more often than not, it is the amateur who enjoys the "eureka moment" when an invention works for the first time. "Eureka is an informative look at the nature of invention and, equally important, it is an entertaining, well-written and accessible account full of wonderful stories, colorful characters and little-known events, bringing a fresh perspective and appreciation for technologies that many now take for granted." Shelf Awareness 266.



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