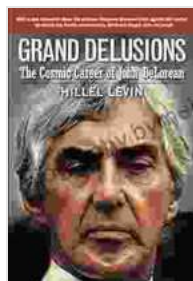
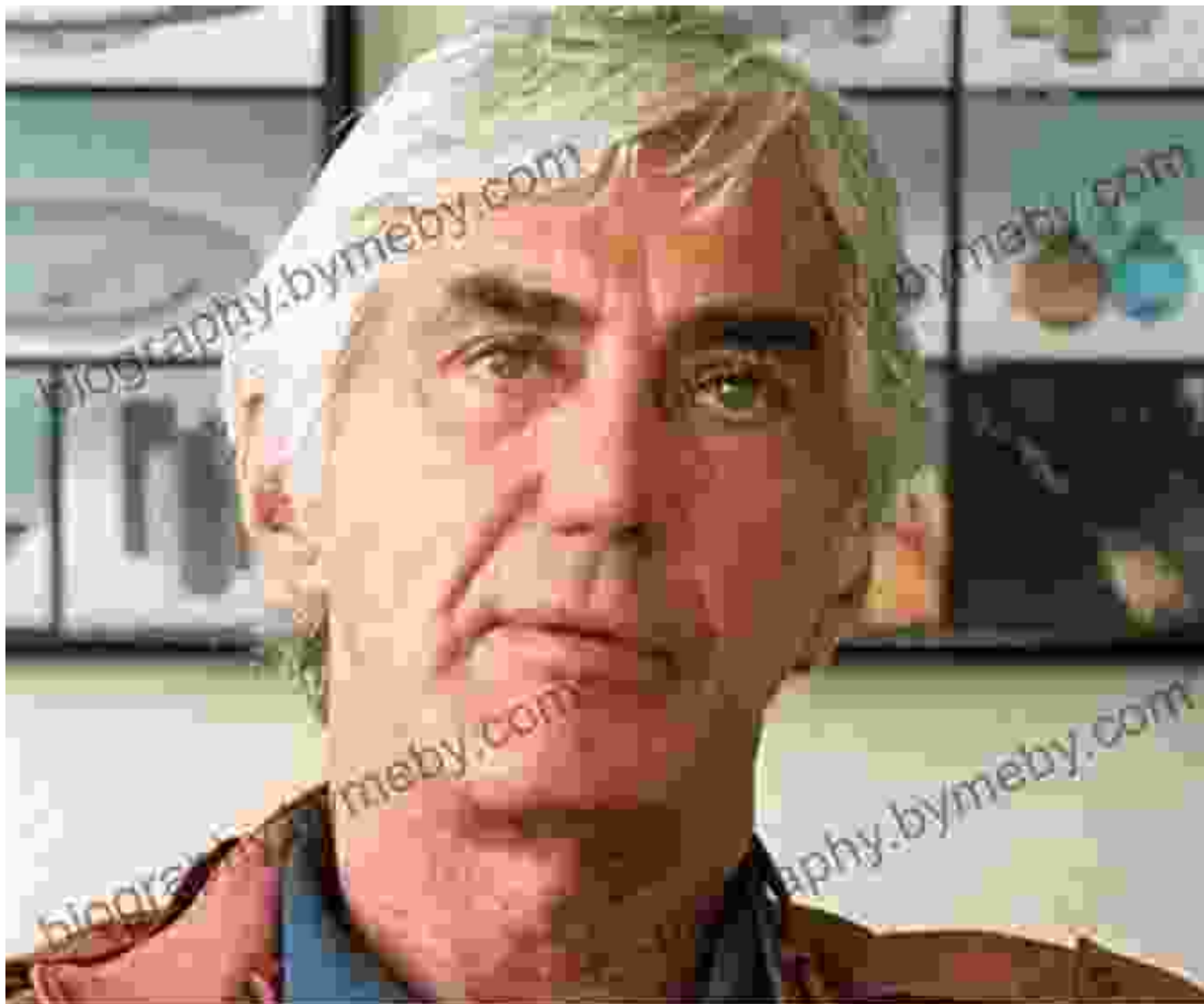


The Cosmic Career of John De Lorean: From Dreamweaver to DeLorean Time Traveler



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John De Lorean was a man with a vision. An Irish immigrant who came to America with no formal education,

he started his career as a draftsman, worked his way up to Cadillac engineer, and eventually founded his own car

company, DeLorean Motor Company.

The De Lorean Motor Company produced one car, the DeLorean DMC-12, which became famous as the time machine in the

movie trilogy "Back to the Future".

However, the DeLorean Motor Company went bankrupt in 1982, and John De Lorean was convicted of cocaine trafficking

in 1984.

He was acquitted on appeal in 1986, but his reputation was ruined. He died in 2005 at the age of 80.

Despite the setbacks, John De Lorean's story is one of perseverance and innovation. He was a dreamer who never gave up

on his dream of building the perfect car.

Early Life and Career

John De Lorean was born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 6, 1925. His parents were Irish immigrants, and he grew

up in a working-class neighborhood. De Lorean was a bright child, but he was also rebellious. He dropped out of

high school at the age of 16 and joined the Army.

After serving in the Army, De Lorean returned to Detroit and got a job as a draftsman at Chrysler. He quickly rose

through the ranks, and by the age of 28, he was the chief engineer of Pontiac. In 1957, De Lorean left Pontiac to join

General Motors. He became the general manager of Chevrolet in 1965, and in 1969, he was appointed president of GM.

De Lorean was a brilliant engineer, but he was also a maverick. He was known for his outspokenness and his

unwillingness to conform. In 1973, he was fired from GM after a disagreement with the company's chairman.

The DeLorean Motor Company

After leaving GM, De Lorean founded his own car company, DeLorean Motor Company. He had a vision of building a

sports car that would be both stylish and affordable. The DMC-12, the only car produced by DeLorean Motor Company,

was a stainless steel, gull-wing door sports car. It was powered by a 2.8-liter V6 engine that produced 150

horsepower. The DMC-12 was a beautiful car, but it was also expensive. The base price was \$25,000, which was

more than twice the price of a Corvette.

The DeLorean Motor Company was not a success. The company only produced about 9,000 cars before it went bankrupt

in 1982. De Lorean was convicted of cocaine trafficking in 1984, and he was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He

was acquitted on appeal in 1986, but his reputation was ruined.

Legacy

John De Lorean was a brilliant engineer and a visionary entrepreneur. He was a man who dreamed big and never gave up

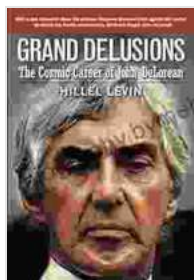
on his dreams. Despite the setbacks he faced, he left a lasting legacy in the automotive industry. The DeLorean

DMC-12 is a classic car that is still loved by car enthusiasts today.

John De Lorean was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a dreamer, an innovator, and a risk-taker. He was also

a flawed human being who made some bad decisions. However, despite his flaws, De Lorean's legacy is one of

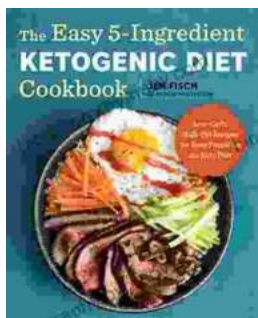
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