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The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford

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Slade's recount of the historical friendship between two of America's greatest inventors is a story that teaches the value of encouragement and friendship. Based on the historical first meeting between an elderly and successful Thomas Edison and a young and idealistic Henry Ford, *The Inventor's Secret* follows the influence and friendship of both men, and how such a relationship impacted their timeless inventions. Reinhardt's illustrations in ink and water color, as well as the historical information included in the back, provide a unique insight into the minds of the inventors, shedding light on their ample imaginations, their curiosity, and their desires to make life easier for the average man. I would recommend this book to history buffs and advanced young readers, as well as to those learners and dreamers who are down on their luck and discouraged. As Edison and Ford would most likely say, try, try, and try again. Jess Elder, Centennial Library Intern.