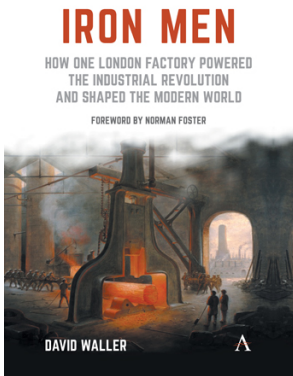


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### The remarkable story of Henry Maudslay – the ambitious engineering innovator who made the Industrial Revolution possible

'With wit, assurance and dexterity, *Iron Men* captures the ingenuity, determination and defiance of a small group of Britons whose inventions made their country the epicentre of technology. The early nineteenth-century inventors, who created the automatic spinning mule, devised the micrometer, standardized the manufacturing of screws and bolts and concocted the steam engine, had an influence as widespread as that enjoyed today by companies in Silicon Valley and China. David Waller has composed an absorbing tale of man's ability to create a lot from a little.' —Sir Michael Moritz, Chairman, Sequoia Capital

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