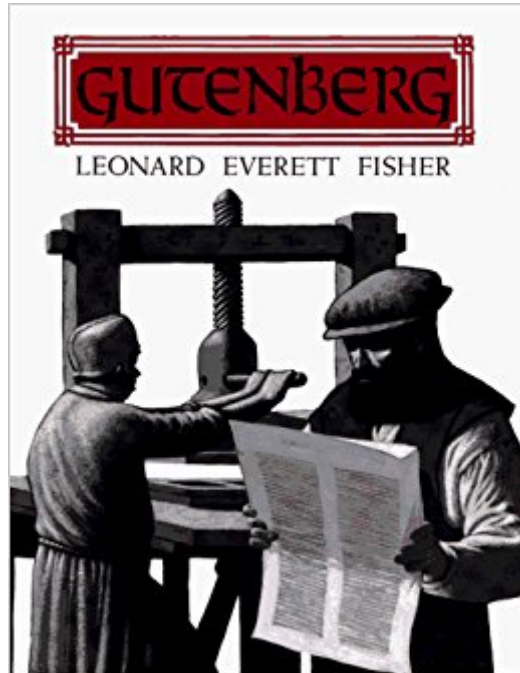




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Johannes Gutenberg, possibly the most important man in history. Invented the printing press, changed my life. If he were alive today, I would say thank you. Thank you for changing my life. Myself and my fellow worshippers of you would like to thank you for looking out over us. This book was excellent.

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