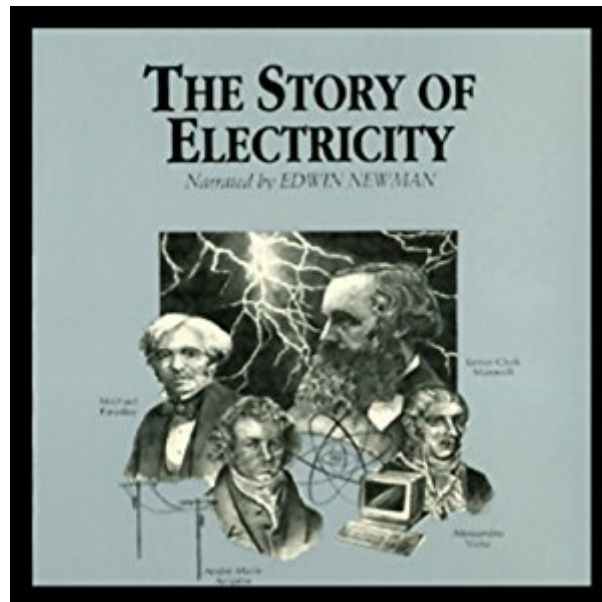


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imitate what that French (Arago, Ampere), German (Einstein), or Italian (Galvani, Volta) scientist would have sounded speaking in English. Not only was the accent exaggerated to the point of distraction and incomprehension, but even the words chosen and the sentence structures were substandard at best. Even quotes from English scientists were delivered by other than Newman, with the speaker trying to imitate either Faraday or Maxwell, necessitating a readjustment to the new diction. Let me add two more things to this already long evaluation. I speak English with an accent (I came to the USA at 20). There is no shame in that and I obviously sympathize with anyone trying to express himself in a language not his native one. But a science book or lecture has to be even, with a minimal of distraction, since it is hard enough for each listener (at least for me) to organize the substance heard in a manner that the brain can see the whole picture described.

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