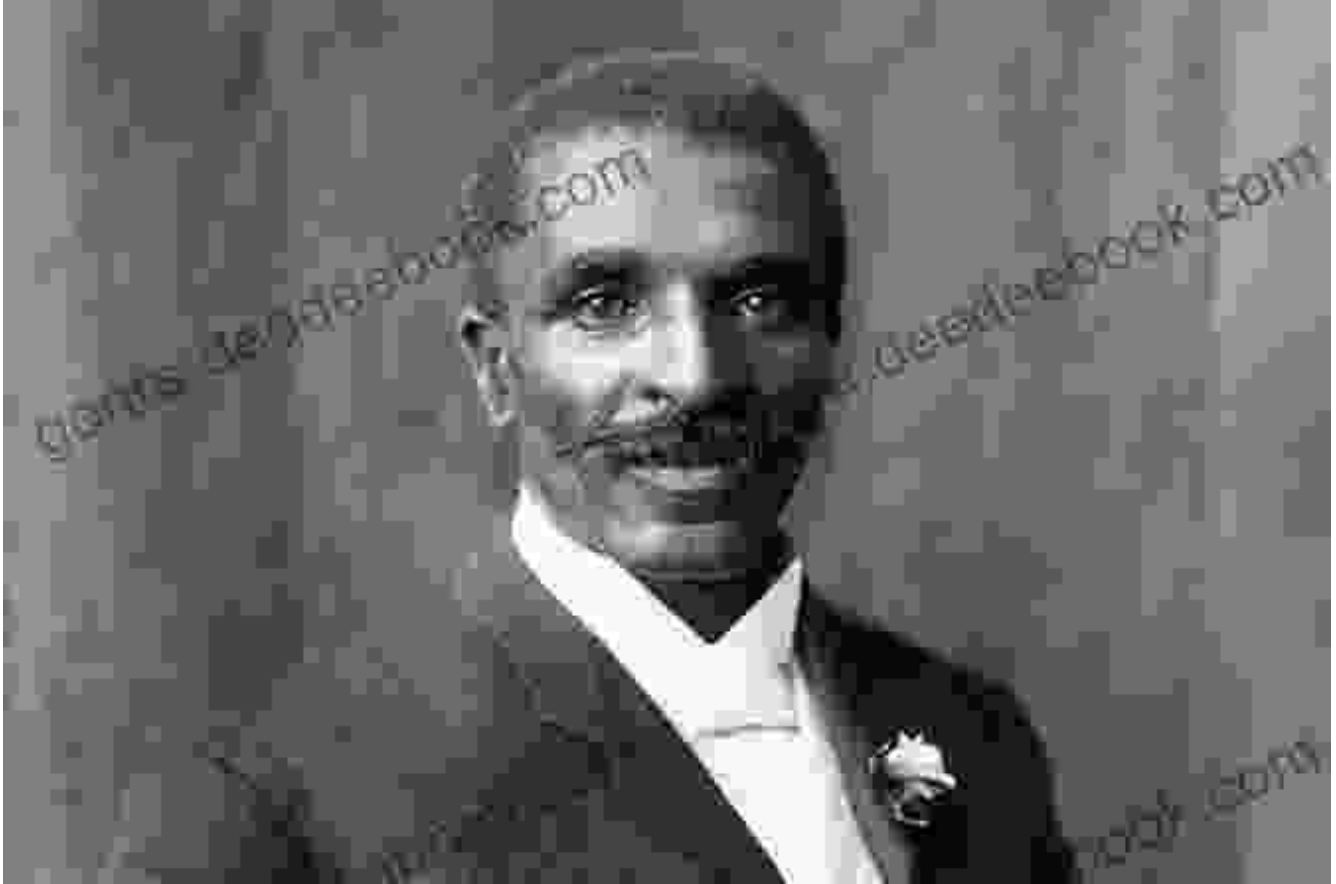


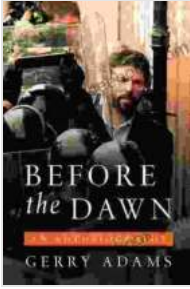
Before the Dawn: An Autobiography by George Washington Carver



George Washington Carver was born into slavery in Missouri in 1864. Despite the challenges he faced, Carver went on to become one of the most prominent scientists and inventors of his time. He dedicated his life to improving the lives of farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture.

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Early Life

Carver was born on a plantation in Diamond, Missouri. His parents were slaves, and he was the youngest of four children. Carver's father died when he was an infant, and his mother was sold away when he was just a few years old. Carver was raised by his grandmother, who taught him about the medicinal properties of plants.

As a child, Carver showed a great interest in learning. He attended school whenever he could, and he read everything he could get his hands on. Carver's intelligence and determination impressed his teachers, and they encouraged him to continue his education.

Education

In 1887, Carver enrolled at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He was the only African American student at the college, and he faced discrimination from some of his classmates and professors. Despite the challenges, Carver excelled in his studies. He graduated from Simpson College in 1894 with a degree in agriculture.

After graduating from Simpson College, Carver attended Iowa State College (now Iowa State University). He earned a master's degree in agriculture in 1896. Carver's master's thesis was on the "Improvement of Soil Fertility."

Tuskegee Institute

In 1896, Carver accepted a position as the head of the agricultural department at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Tuskegee Institute was a school for African Americans, and Carver was determined to help the school's students learn about agriculture and improve their lives.

Carver spent the next 47 years of his life at Tuskegee Institute. He developed new farming techniques, and he taught the students about the importance of crop rotation, soil conservation, and sustainable agriculture. Carver also conducted research on a variety of crops, including peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans.

Carver's work at Tuskegee Institute had a profound impact on the lives of African American farmers. He helped them to increase their crop yields and improve their incomes. Carver also helped to promote sustainable agriculture practices, which helped to protect the environment and preserve the soil.

Inventions

In addition to his work as a scientist and educator, Carver was also a prolific inventor. He developed over 300 products from peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans. These products included food, beverages, cosmetics, and industrial products.

Carver's most famous invention was peanut butter. He developed peanut butter in 1895 as a way to help farmers find new uses for peanuts. Peanut butter quickly became a popular food, and it is still enjoyed by people all over the world today.

Carver also developed a number of other products from peanuts, including peanut oil, peanut flour, and peanut soap. He also developed a variety of products from sweet potatoes, including sweet potato flour, sweet potato syrup, and sweet potato candy.

Legacy

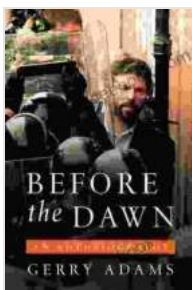
George Washington Carver died in 1943 at the age of 78. He left behind a legacy of scientific achievement and service to others. Carver's work helped to improve the lives of farmers and promote sustainable agriculture. He was a pioneer in the field of agricultural science, and his inventions have had a lasting impact on the world.

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George Washington Carver was a true American hero. He overcame the challenges of slavery and discrimination to become one of the most prominent scientists and inventors of his time. Carver's work had a profound impact on the lives of African American farmers, and his legacy continues to inspire people all over the world.

Before the Dawn: An Autobiography by George Washington Carver is a must-read for anyone who wants to learn more about this extraordinary

man and his life's work.



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