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Tuxedo Park is not only a vivid biography of its primary subject, Alfred Lee Loomis, it is a bright and intelligent portrait of a season of science in America that changed history. Conant's book follows Loomis, a son of privilege, through his several incarnations as a lawyer, financier, and scientist. Using his immense wealth, Loomis, one of the few tycoons to survive the Great Depression intact, founded his own private laboratory in Tower House, his mansion within the exclusive New York enclave of Tuxedo Park. Here, he and the many scientific worthies he drew there conducted brain wave research as well as the seminal microwave studies that led to the development of radar systems crucial to allied victory in World War II. Conant is so good at capturing the high-spirited, free-wheeling methodology brought to bear on many critical research projects, it is sometimes hard to keep in mind that the precocious upstarts behind the method were greatly responsible for saving the world from fascism. Highly recommended for both public and academic libraries.

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