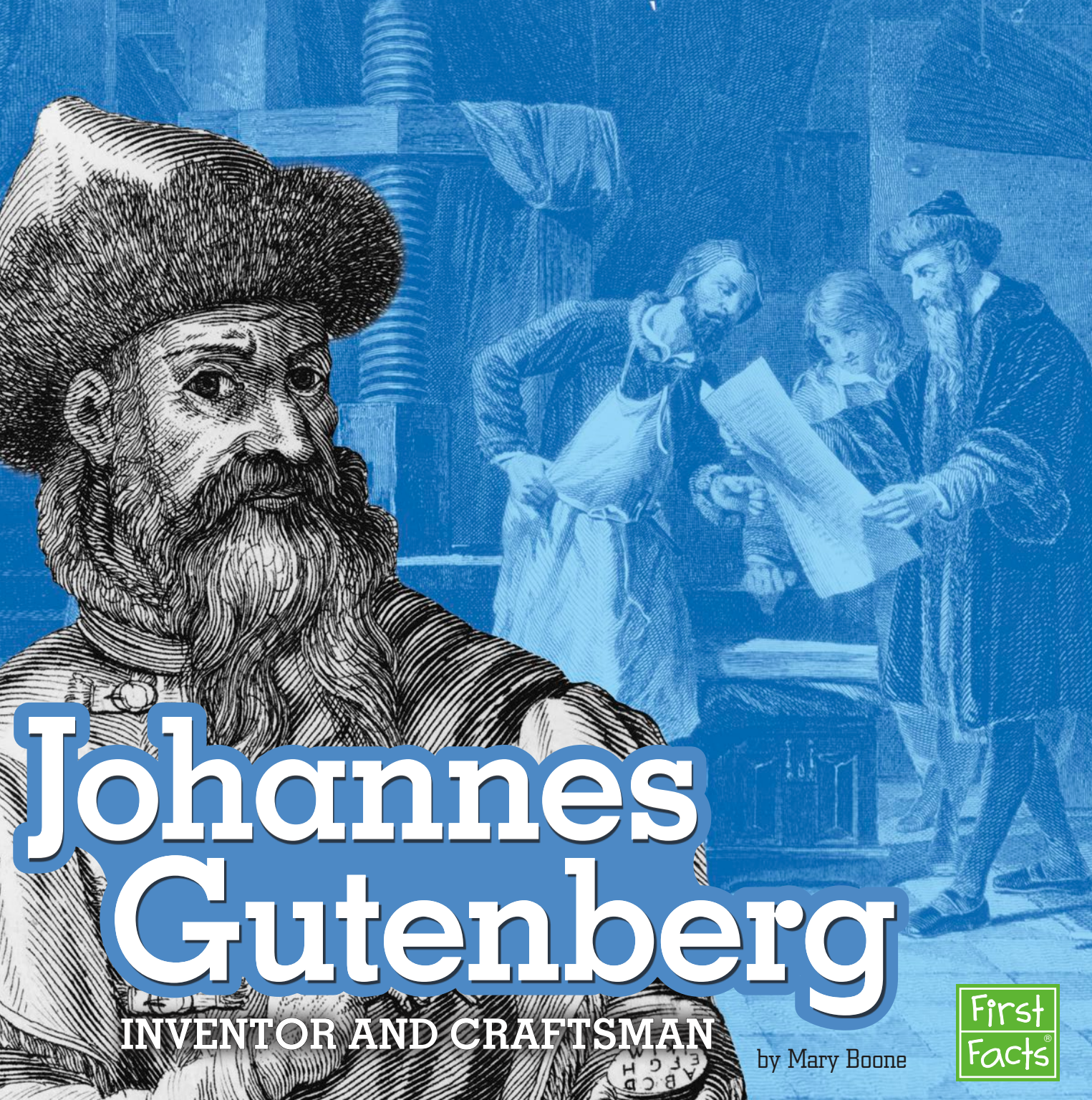




Johannes Gutenberg

INVENTOR AND CRAFTSMAN

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Simple Beginnings

Johannes Gutenberg made big changes to how books were printed. He introduced **movable type** and the printing press to Europe. Before his inventions, making a single book could take hundreds of hours. Johannes was a **craftsman** whose press made it possible to share ideas more easily.

movable type—printing type made of individual pieces that can be rearranged to make different words

craftsman—a worker who practices a craft that requires skill with their hands

Liber. VI.

auri: o omnes mundi. Adhuc hunc confusus: si
lapide precioso: recondere in arca cordis rathro del
hoc nomen gloriosum triu syllabaz. Da/ cogita: m
ria. Et eritis secuti in omni periculo: habet periti po
bins auxilium in omni necessitate et angu/ gnis m
stia et prosperitate in omni salubri optato. Al/ garia
enim est mali quod non remoueat. Al/ boni rico
quod non obtrineat. Nonum priuilegium si ipa
quia hoc nomen est sume confortatum si ced
homo aduertat: quod nullus sperare in ea et m
confusus sit dummodo bene inuocauerit. ut m
derelictus sit dummodo bene inuocauerit. ut m
eta illud. Eia. x. Quis ambulauit in tene/ r
bris et non est lumen ei id est maria i auxiliu:
q. d. nullus. Unde omnis homo in ea spera
ponere habet: quod ut canit ecclesia. Ipa est ro
gina misericordie vite dulcedo et spes no
stra. Et ipa est mater gratie et mater mis
cordie que ab hoste protegitur in hora m
tis suscipit. Tu qui times a nominis, qua
tionis recordare huius nominis, qua
ria maris stella interpretatur. Si mar
la ergo ad portu salutis deducens i
ri magno et spacio. Hinc Berni.
curu habes accessus et filius ante
pro te ante filium: et filius ante
lius ostendit patrilatus et vbera: null
onidit filio pectus et vbera: null
repulsa vbi tot concurrunt am
An non ergo confortaris quor
eius recordaris. Dicit idem
munc iesus: quod et de nomine
valent. Hinc ppheta da
in te qui nouerit nomen
priuilegiu: quod nomen mar
Interpretatur enim ma
lumine gratie: et pfecto
sum est: quod ipa bra et g
ta autem quod fm quino
maria quatuorplem g
quintur per hoc nomen
nomen significare v
notat misericordie
tat amorem sup
Tertia R signifi
Quarta lfa B
fusione iustifi
denotat adq
rum. Hinc
imantare

iudicij horrore p...
peratiois absorptus. V...
aria inuoca. Et sic in tem...
aris q̄ merito dictū sit n...
teris q̄ merito dictū sit n...
aria. Hec ille. Unde nō...
nois marie est: q̄ est nō...
Inde canit ecclia. Salue...
die vita dulcedo z spes nō...
est demētissima regina: v...
o nostra: sequit q̄ nomē d...
ū. Admirū ex noie marie...
mentum in hoie: tanta dul...
to infundit: q̄ mentis affe...
gis affiat nec satari po...
qd restat Eccl. c. xxiij. d...
Spūs inquit meus su...
e dicas mea sup mel z f...
eri in generationes secul...
eri huc elurient ses p d...
ana/ men tuū in desider...
a may nomen marie dule...
ris stel tiones in dexter...
n h ma auditu. Lan. ij...
D ho se meis. Uxor ei...
mat stat ra. Tertio d...
patre. Fu ij. Fructus e...
ra. Dater to olfatui...
a poterit ee cta dedi si...
oris insignia. Quasi vin...
iens nominis Quinc...
Berū. de no/ Lan. v...
marie accipere tuum...
uid ait. Speret est dñ...
uum. Decima anim...
te est gratiosissimū ta: d...
ria illuminatiz ses du...
nomē marie gratio...
o est mater grē. No...
o est mater grē. No...
s litteras huius conse...
gratiā peccatores conse...
e: quas quidē grās hoc...
idet. Prima tra dñe...
ā diuina. Scda dñe...
ernoz z eius accensionem...
ficat remissione peccatoz...
denotat illuminationē d...
tatis gratie. Quia liter...
in iustione vitz meritoz z p...
Berū. in sermone Si cri...
urbatus: si conscientie f...



Johannes was born around 1395 in Mainz, Germany. In 1411 a **political** battle in Mainz made it too dangerous to stay there. He and his family packed up their belongings. They moved to what is now Strasbourg, France. While in France, Johannes worked for a **goldsmith** who taught him how to make coins.

political—relating to the things people do to gain or keep power

goldsmith—a person who makes gold jewelry or other items



Mainz, Germany, around
the time of Johannes' birth

Changing Books Forever

Johannes began printing with metal type in the 1430s. His goldsmithing skills came in handy. He already knew how to make **molds**. Now he poured **molten** metal into them to make individual letters. Johannes soon used these letters to improve the way printing presses worked.

molds—containers that are used to give shape to something that is poured or pressed into them

molten—melted by heat

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enim est mali quod non remoueat. Al/ boni
quod non obtineat. Al/ boni
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pra illud. Et. x. Quis ambulauit in tene
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valem? Hinc pphera
in te qui nouerit nom
Priuegiu: quod nomen
Interpretatur enim r
lumine gratie: et pph
sum est: quod ipse bea
ta autem quod fm qu
maria quatuor pph
quatur p hoc no
nomen significat
notat misericor
tat amorem s
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rum. Hi
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...desperatiois abso:ptus. 23...
...maria inuoca. Et sic in temenpo et
...poteris q: merito dictu sit nome vru
...maria. Hec ille. Undecima ptero
...marie est: q: est nomen dulcissi
...stra. Unde
...dul



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...ificatis gratie. 23...
...ad quicquid vix meritor
...ne Berni in sermone Si criminis
...are turbatus: si conscientie fedicare

Johannes (right) examining a page printed on his press, 15th century