Honda: The Boy Who Dreamed Of Cars

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**Synopsis**

The life story of Soichiro Honda, pioneering Japanese businessman and innovative motorcycle and car manufacturer.

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"A year later Honda took an important step toward making his dream come true. He began manufacturing the metal rings that surround pistons. These small steel cups in a car's engine move up and down quickly inside cylinders as they convert the energy in gasoline into the force that turns a car's wheels."Honda thought it would be easy to make piston rings, but his first ones were too rigid. They did not bend, and they cracked under stress. Ring after ring broke. So Honda went back to school to study metallurgy, the science of working with metal. Determined to figure out how to make his piston rings more flexible, Honda tried one technical approach after another. By 1940 his piston rings worked perfectly. He sold them to Toyota, one of Japan's first car companies."As I demonstrate during so many booktalks at middle schools, picture books are not just for little kids. Given the level of sophistication needed to understand the technology and history illustrated in the above snippet, it is easy to recognize that HONDA: THE BOY WHO DREAMED OF CARS is a picture book that is far more age-appropriate for older readers. In fact, every middle school would

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