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A California Colossus

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Stanford was one of the nineteenth century's most important figures. His accomplishments include:

- First Republican Governor of California.
- First President of the Central Pacific Railroad.
- First President of the Southern Pacific Company.
- Owner of the world's largest vineyard.
- First among the world's trotting horse breeders.
- First in world champion trotter records.
- Developer of the world's first motion picture.
- First president (and builder) of the California Street Cablecar.
- First president of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company.
- First in wealth in the United States Senate for his day.
- First President of the Bodie Mining Company.
- Largest private university endowment of all time.
- Creator of the largest university in land area in the world.

Almost nothing has been researched and written on Stanford's many specialized interests or activities, each of which would warrant a scholarly monograph. This biography, by delving into the public and private activities and passions of the man, corrects the oversights of past historians and gives us a multi-faceted image of an amazing historical figure.

In politics, business, philanthropy, and education, Stanford left a remarkable legacy. Stanford University was his greatest monument—an institution which he founded, named for his son, and endowed in such a way that it has become one of the world's finest institutions of higher learning.

Dr. Norman E. Tutorow received his Ph.D. in American political and military history from Stanford University and holds degrees in history, Spanish, German, and philosophy. He taught at various colleges, served as Chief of the Archives Branch of the Los Angeles Federal Records Center, and later was Chief of Master Planning at the Presidio of San Francisco. Tutorow was a Visiting Fellow at Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University from 1996-2001, and now continues researching another book there. His major works include *California: An Illustrated History* [with Don E. Fehrenbacher]; *Texas Annexation and the Mexican War*; *The Mexican-American War: An Annotated Bibliography*; *War Crimes, War Criminals, and War Crimes Trials*; and *James Gillespie Blaine and the Presidency*. Dr Tutorow's wife Evelyn "Evie" assists him in his research.



“Leland Stanford—lawyer, small businessman, politician, transcontinental railroad entrepreneur, founder of a university—to most people has become a stereotypical figure in the Gilded Age. Norman Tutorow has written a breathtaking exploration of the twists and turns and details of Stanford's life that destroys the stereotype and, instead, makes it possible for us to see the real Leland Stanford and the real tapestry of his age. I learned from every page I opened.”

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