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Publication date. Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time is a best-selling book by Dava Sobel about John Harrison, an 18th-century clockmaker who created the first clock (chronometer) sufficiently accurate to be used to determine longitude at sea—an important development in navigation. The Illustrated Longitude: The True Story of the Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time 1st (first) Thus Edition by Sobel, Dava published by Walker & Company (1998) 4.5 out of 5 stars 1,044 Longitude tells the incredible story of John Harrison, an 18th century clock maker who entered into a contest to create the first clock (chronometer) capable of withstanding the rigors of a sea voyage so that mariners could determine their correct longitude at sea. Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time Summary & Study Guide Description. The first is between John Harrison's ability and his perfectionism. Harrison builds four clocks before he is satisfied enough to believe he deserves the full prize of the Board of Longitude. He spends several decades of his life constructing these clocks. The second conflict is between Harrison and his arch rival, Royal Astronomer Nevil Maskelyne.