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Christopher's latest book is entitled Ford Men: From Inspiration to Enterprise, a study of Ford Motor Co and the Ford family that spans the history of 20th Century America, starting with the great inventor in the early 1900s and going through to the present day. Ford Men is published by Laissez Faire Books.

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