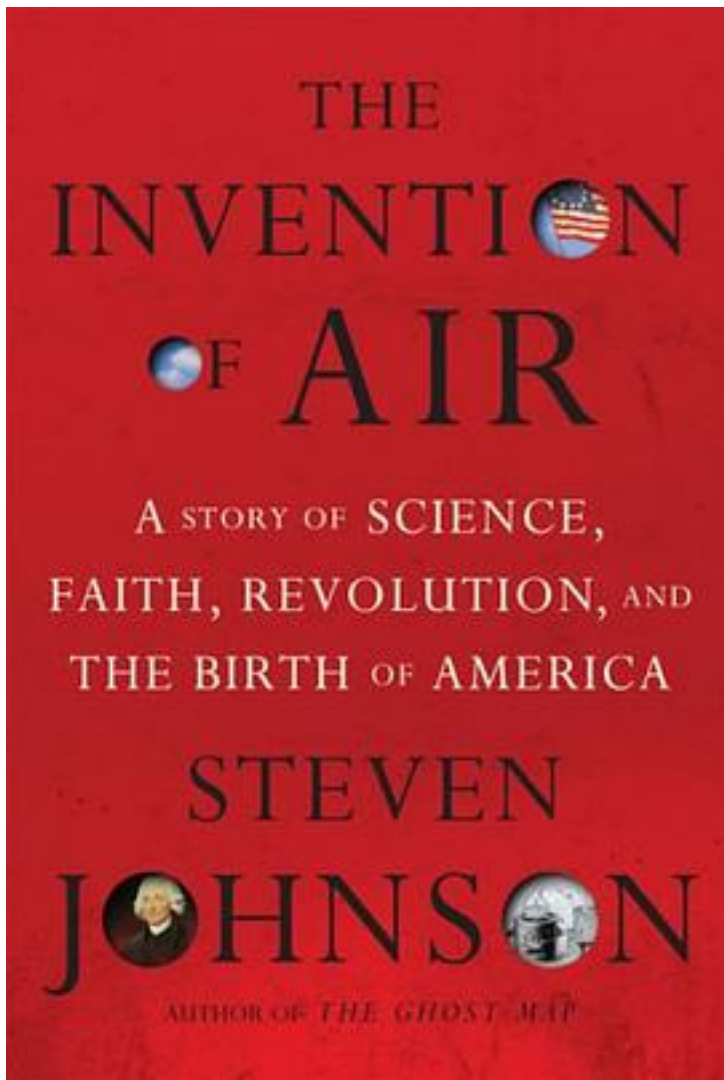


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这本书的主角 Joseph Priestley 是18—19世纪英国业余科学家、委任牧师和激进的思想者，他一生中出了许多本研究著作，包括第一本科普书籍，他的发现涉及电力学和化学：发明了多种电力装置、首次记录了交流放电现象；发现了氧气、分离和命名了十种气体、发明了苏打水。他出了五
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