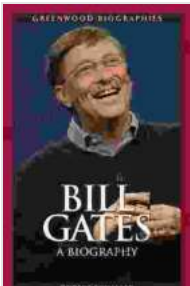


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## Early Life and Education



William Henry Gates III was born on October 28, 1955, in Seattle, Washington. His parents, William H. Gates Sr. and Mary Maxwell Gates, were both successful attorneys. Gates showed an early interest in computers and programming, and by the age of 13, he had written his first computer program.

Gates attended Lakeside School, a private preparatory school in Seattle. While at Lakeside, he met Paul Allen, who would later become his co-founder of Microsoft. The two shared a passion for computers and spent countless hours working on programming projects together.

## **Founding Microsoft**



Bill Gates and Paul Allen, the co-founders of Microsoft

In 1975, Gates and Allen founded Microsoft, a software company that would go on to become one of the most successful companies in the world. Microsoft's first product was a BASIC interpreter for the Altair 8800 microcomputer. The interpreter was a huge success, and it helped to establish Microsoft as a major player in the personal computer industry.

In 1980, Microsoft released MS-DOS, an operating system that would become the standard operating system for personal computers. MS-DOS was a huge success, and it helped to make Microsoft the dominant player in the personal computer industry.

## **The Rise of Windows**



In 1985, Microsoft released Windows, a graphical user interface (GUI) for MS-DOS. Windows was a major breakthrough in personal computing, and it made it much easier for people to use computers.

Windows quickly became the most popular operating system in the world, and it helped to make Microsoft one of the most successful companies in the world.

## **Philanthropy**



Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda Gates

In addition to his success in business, Gates is also a noted philanthropist. In 2000, he and his wife, Melinda, founded the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation, one of the largest charitable foundations in the world.

The Gates Foundation focuses on global health and development, and it has funded a wide range of programs, including those aimed at reducing poverty, improving health care, and promoting education.

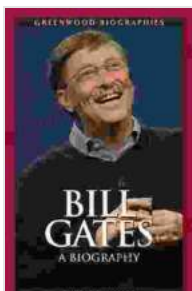
## **Legacy**



Bill Gates is one of the most influential figures in the history of technology. His vision and leadership have shaped the way we use computers and the Internet today. He is also a noted philanthropist, and his work through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has helped to improve the lives of millions of people around the world.

Gates' legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. He is a true visionary and a pioneer in the field of technology. He has helped to make the world a more connected and more prosperous place.

Bill Gates is a truly remarkable individual. He is a visionary, a leader, and a philanthropist. He has made a significant contribution to the world, and his legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come.



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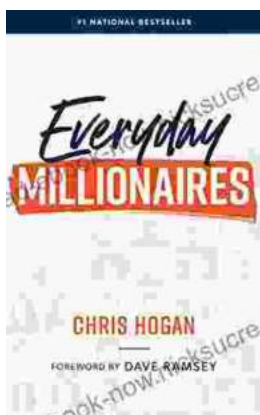
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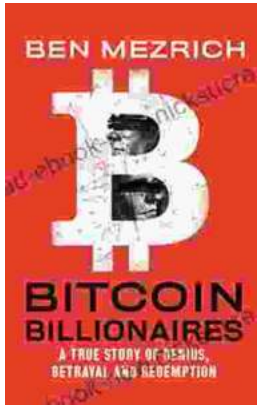
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