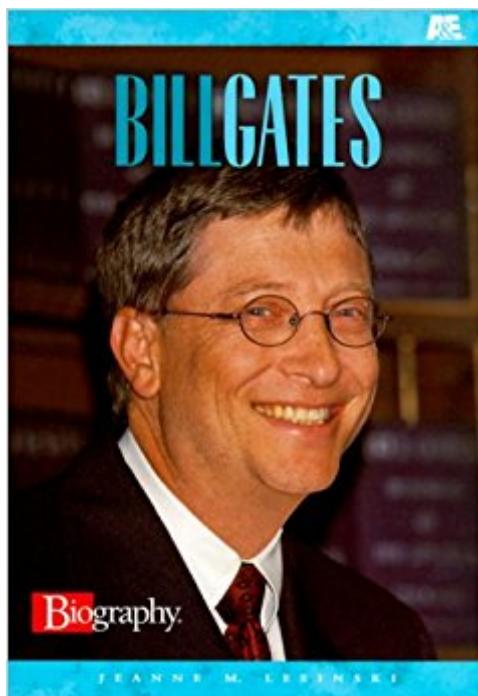


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Grade 4-7-A short, easy-to-read biography of one of the world's richest men. The beginning chapter outlines Gates's childhood, and includes interesting anecdotes about early signs of competition and genius, while some people thought he was an underachiever. The book focuses on his many professional accomplishments as well as the issues and controversies that he faced throughout his career. Although he emerges as an influential person, Lesinski clearly explains the criticisms lobbed at Microsoft. She is objective about the controversies surrounding her subject, carefully presenting both sides. The book covers Gates's life up to January, 2000, and includes his philanthropic endeavors. Short enough to appeal to reluctant readers, it is dotted with black-and-white and full-color photos that add interest to the text. Aaron Boyd's Smart Money: The Story of Bill Gates (Morgan Reynolds, 1995) is less visually appealing and not as up to date. Sandra L. Doggett, Urbana High School, Ijamsville, MD Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

disappointed because the book was thin and was written for kids. didnt know that, there was no preview or at least it wasnt in my face so bought this book by mistake. also this was a used book

from a library

This is an interesting book that shed some light on William Henry Gates. This is a story about the wealthiest individual in the world. Gates is one of the best-known entrepreneurs of the personal computer revolution. He is widely respected in business circles for his intelligence, foresight, and ambition. He is also widely criticized as having built Microsoft's business through unfair, illegal, or anticompetitive business practices. Government authorities in several countries have found some of Microsoft's practices illegal. All this makes the book as interesting read as we learn a lot about this unique individual. Since amassing his fortune, Gates has pursued a number of charity activities, donating large amounts of money to various charitable organizations and scientific research programmes through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. His donations have been larger than the gross national product of many small and poor countries. Since Microsoft's founding, Gates has had primary responsibility for Microsoft's product strategy. He has aggressively broadened the company's range of products, and wherever Microsoft has achieved a dominant position he has vigorously defended it. Gates's role at Microsoft for most of its history has been primarily a management and executive role. However, he was an active software developer in the early years, particularly on the company's programming language products. Gates has not generally engaged in conspicuous consumption beyond his lavish home, with its gardens and art collection. Gates also rents or leases a home on Mustique, an exclusive island in the Grenadines. He owns a 300 foot yacht named Ice. In contrast, his former associate Paul Allen has used his wealth in perhaps a more typical manner; owning sports teams, vintage airplanes, and multiple residences. This is a good book that should help the reader learn and understand the remarkable life and success of this man.

A & E produces a daily Biography show about famous people in all categories, this book is based on that series. Bill Gates is more than a story about the richest man in the world, is an accounting of where this fame and fortune came from and the vision of the future of the software giant. While the book is only about 100 pages there is enough information about Gates' roots, his ride to the top of the software industry and his recent battles with the Justice department to give this reader a new look into the man himself. The author gives you pictures from early childhood to his start with Microsoft in Albuquerque to his work with the Bill Gates Library Foundation. I must admit most of the photos have already been seen, however they're a few new and interesting ones, especially his new house. I personally liked the way the author put together the story, not running over of boring you with details in any one area. The storyline flows from start to finish. Granted there is a lot more that

could have gone into the book, however this one was an excellent read.

I bought this book because its on Bill Gates, and was I disappointed or what? The style of writting is very bad, and suits a small article not a book. It is not a biography at all, but an absurd trick to cash in on Bill Gates' Name. You are much better off reading other books on Microsoft and Bill Gates, which go into at least some details on the events of both the company and the man himself. This book was more like a brief news item. For me it was a waste of money. The only reason I am giving it a one star is because I cannot give it any less.

Needed a short biography for my son to use for a book report. This book worked out great. Short, concise, contemporary.

I really enjoyed reading this book - in fact I read the entire thing in one sitting. Bill Gates has led an amazing life and been at the core of the PC revolution. This book covers the basic details of Microsoft's success and Bill Gates' role in this. It also includes a few glimpses of his private life. Fascinating reading, which I recommend to anyone interested in one of the most sucessful men in the US, or interested in an overview of the history of DOS, Windows, and PCs. The book seems to be aimed at the reading level of a teenager, and is not overly detailed. If you want a more thorough history of Microsoft you probably want to look elsewhere. However, this was an enjoyable book about Bill, and is a nice easy read for an adult.

I would give this book a five-star rating. The title is Bill Gates and the author is Jeanne M. Lesinski. Bill Gates had a dream. His dream was to create his own computer. Bill does complete his goal. On different kinds of computers he created, he did them with other friends. Throughout the story, it tells about his life, his wife, and three kids. Read the book and find out about his life and the start of Microsoft.

Well done but too basic, this is the Biography Channel program translated to paper. Basically resumes all the public facts now about the guy. To whom are searching for more detailed bio I recommend still continue searching, which is what I'll do.

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