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Bill Gates, born in Seattle, Washington, in 1955, is an American business magnate, investor, philanthropist, and author. In this *Who Was...?* biography, children will learn of Gates' childhood passion for computer technology, which led him to revolutionize personal computers. Through the success of his now-world-famous software company, Microsoft, Bill Gates became one of the wealthiest philanthropists in history. This fascinating story of a child technology genius is sure to captivate any audience!

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Danah says

I liked the book included bill gates story and mini information about stuff has relation to the story I liked bill gates soooo much From this book I know who bill gates is but I never read his life story I really admire him now I like the fact that he's smart and successful from young age not like all the other greatest people in the world there childhood always depressing or they use to be bullied or poor I like this series ??????????????

Nanda Wanninayaka says

Who Is Bill Gates? – Patricia Brennan Demuth

I was looking for a good biography about Bill Gates for a long time. But I could not get hold of one except what I read about him on Wikipedia and other sources. But luckily, I had the pleasure of reading Patricia Brennan Demuth's "Who Is Bill Gates?" last week. Though the book is very short – I think this book is meant mostly for children and young adults - it summarizes a good deal of Gates' life in to shorter chapters. This was enough information for me till I find a comprehensive biography or an autobiography of Gates someday.

Though some people dislike Bill Gates for being a copycat and an unsympathetic businessman, I admire the man for initiating such a big revolution in the computer industry in a relatively short time. Without him, we would not have had access to computers and the internet within this short period of time. When I was a schoolboy in the 1980's, the message given to us by our teachers and the media was that there would be a robot at every house by the then much awaited year 2000. But it was not to be. As of today, the robots are used in places like research laboratories and factories but it is not a domestic item as yet. Perhaps it will take a much longer time than anticipated by the science fiction writers in the past. Instead, most of us had a PC on our desks by the year 2000. To my knowledge, no science fiction writer could predict the big revolution of the PC's would do in the world. But thanks to Gates, affordable PCs with sophisticated software came to our tables at offices and houses making our lives more comfortable.

Patricia Brennan Demuth's biography "Who Is Bill Gates?" takes us a journey through Gates' childhood, youth, adulthood till the time he formed Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation.

Computers were a luxury item that was hard to come by when Gates was a young person. Thanks to his school, the Lakeside School, he had access to a teletype machine which was more like a typewriter than a computer. He was greatly inspired and spent many hours as he could in the school 'computer lab' that was devoid of computers. Only big corporations and government institutions could afford to have huge mainframe computers which cost millions of dollars. But Gates had access to computer manuals in the school computer room which he read enthusiastically. He wrote his first computer program at the young age of thirteen!

The book informs the reader as to how Gates was inspired by the teletype machine, then how he found access to the computers at General Electric and how he met Paul Allen who eventually became the cofounder of Microsoft. According to the author, 'the geek' in Bill Gates changed after his marriage to Belinda French and he became a family man to his wife and the three children.

Life was not easy for Bill Gates, though he was born into a well-to-do family. He had to work hard tirelessly to learn computers at a time when it was not easy to access computers or related knowledge. So, luck did not come to him but he worked hard and went in search of luck.

The book says how Bill Gates decided to step down as the CEO of Microsoft at his prime age as a business magnate and diverted his full attention to Bill and Melinda Gates foundation which was set up to help the world with the money he amassed through his business. He did this at a relatively younger age of 52. This is the best age for most of the other businessmen to thrive at business, but Gates thought otherwise. So, all those people who criticized Gates as a mercenary tycoon who was interested in only making money can now look back in shame, as to how Gates utilized the same money he accumulated for social welfare & betterment of the people of the world.

Robby says

Great book for kids. I'd love to see an Walter Issacson type biography of Bill Gates in the near future.

Connie Sadowski says

Bill gates

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Derek Brandon says

The book "Who is Bill Gates?" by Patricia Brennan Demuth was an interesting book about the life and career of probably the most famous and rich people ever on Earth. The book explains Bill Gates' life and all of his accomplishments and events of his successful career. It starts by telling how he was a smart kid and always loved challenges and to read a lot. He had an awesome high school experience where he met some good friends and started coding for huge computers. Most of his free time was spent with computers making commands and eventually the internet explorer. There were a lot of facts and even some events that were pretty interesting. This book says that his net worth is around \$50 BILLION. I don't know when this book was written but as of yesterday, his net worth is about \$87.3 BILLION. That number is insane.

I wouldn't change anything about this book because I know it is meant for younger readers but it was still very informative. I did enjoy this book because I didn't know a whole lot about Bill Gates but knew he was super rich.

I would recommend this book to anybody who wants to know about possibly the richest man in America and how he got to be so rich and famous. If you like reading about older celebrities or famous events, the "Who was..." series is the choice for you.

Emily Martinez says

In the book "Who Is Bill Gates?" we learn about how Bill Gates became such a successful self made

billionaire. In the beginning of the book it talked about his Bill Gates childhood, Bill was a very smart and intelligent kid starting from a young age he loved learning, but soon lost his interest until his parents sent him to a Lakeside a private and all boy school. This when Bill found his passion he was introduced to the teletypes and started learning computer languages, him and his friends started a club and shared information but soon it was a problem as to use the computer room at the school got pricey. Bill was so driven by computers he got a job at a Computer Center. There he spent hours learning more and more, creating programs. Bill then went to college and was then studying at harvard, when his friend Paul told him about these new mini computer kits came out. Paul and Bill took the challenge on and created a program for these kits and sold these programs to the company, facing risks they succeeded. Then, Microsoft was born, they grew and expanded the company and made contracts with other corporations. New Softwares, windows, and computers with mouses were now being put out. Bill was rapidly growing and became a millionaire and soon after a billionaire, he faced obstacles including lawsuits and minor problems, but overcame that and always was looking for challenges and ways to better his company. Bill Gates furthermore got married and had a family, and retired from the job. Bill Gates impacted American society as a whole he increased the learning in technology and allowed people to have access to the internet, programs, softwares in a new level, he put out computers, PC, and so much more to help with education and work and to be done easier. Bill Gates Slogan for Microsoft when it was created was "A computer on every desk and every home" and he accomplished that, he provide a easier access to these things. The theme of this get is to be determined, be ambitious, and always give your all, Bill Gates never gave up even when there were obstacles he would overcome them and take risks too succeed, for example when Paul and Bill were making a program for the new micro computers they didn't have a sample, they took a risk and they did it! I would 100% recommend this book it was so inspirational and astonishing seeing how Bill Gates became so successful and how he was always striving for more and becoming better, it was kind of breathtaking seeing how brilliant he is! Great book, I'm glad I read it!!!

Erika Rohlfes says

The book," Who is Bill Gates" is a biography story told about A man named Bill Gates and the things he did to modernize the evolution of technology and help others in a very significant way. It is basically a timeline of his life, even though he is still currently living.

This book was very interesting to read. I loved learning new facts about Mr. Bill Gates, in my opinion I feel that he was a very amazing man because of his wife and his smarts. I would recommend this book to ages of 7-13. It is a very understandable book to read. The one thing I did not enjoy was that in this book it did not show any of the bad things he did in his life.

Rider says

When I read this in school I was fascinated with all the features of Bill's house. Read it to find out what was in it.

Ethan says

Good book

Matthew Jackus says

I think it a interesting book and I want you to read and hers a little summery it about how he grow up and how special he was and we all now he's the riches guy in the world so it talks about that to hope you read it

Ava says

Good source to learn from.

Natalie says

Definitely one of my fave books in this series.

Bill Gates is just so wickedly impressive. He's brilliant and he's charitable. I love how the end of the book focused on his donations and how he wanted to help people with all the gifts he'd been given.

He was also such a good businessman and he worked hard. They said sometimes they'd come in and he was curled up on the floor because he'd fallen asleep at work.

I also love the relationship he and his wife have. I think they are genuinely good people.

Montzalee Wittmann says

Who Is Bill Gates? by Patricia Brennan Demuth is an inspiring story of someone that was always a thinker from a young age and worked hard to make something of himself. This book goes inside to show the personal side of Bill Gates and his how it all started as a child. This book leads us on a journey through his life as he struggles and succeeds. Now he gives to charity and still has the good heart he had as a kid. It is certainly a inspiring story of working hard, thinking out-side-the-box, being inventive, and caring. Great job.

Cora Coleman says

This book had good info about him. Good for any school project.

ASMA.17 says

This is a good book and very easy, and I advise beginners to read it, whether they learn English or speakers of language.
