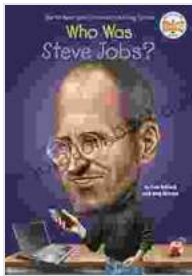# Who Was Steve Jobs? The Life and Legacy of the Apple Co-Founder

## Early Life and Education

Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, in San Francisco, California. He was adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs, a working-class couple who lived in Mountain View, California. Jobs showed an early interest in electronics and engineering, and he built his first computer, the Apple I, in his parents' garage in 1976.

Jobs attended Homestead High School in Cupertino, California, where he met Steve Wozniak, who would later become his co-founder at Apple. Jobs and Wozniak shared a passion for electronics and computers, and they often worked together on projects.

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After graduating from high school, Jobs attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon. However, he dropped out after only six months. He then traveled

to India, where he studied meditation and Eastern philosophy.

## Career

In 1976, Jobs and Wozniak founded Apple Computer, Inc. The company's first product was the Apple I, a personal computer that was sold to hobbyists and enthusiasts. The Apple II, which was released in 1977, was a huge success and helped to popularize personal computers.

In 1980, Apple went public, and Jobs became a multi-millionaire. However, he was forced out of the company in 1985 after a power struggle with the board of directors.

Jobs then founded NeXT, a computer company that developed the NeXTSTEP operating system. NeXT was not a commercial success, but the operating system was later used by Apple in the development of OS X.

In 1997, Jobs returned to Apple as CEO. The company was on the verge of bankruptcy, but Jobs quickly turned it around. He introduced a new line of products, including the iMac, the iPod, the iPhone, and the iPad. These products were wildly successful and helped to make Apple one of the most valuable companies in the world.

Jobs remained CEO of Apple until 2011, when he resigned due to health problems. He died of pancreatic cancer on October 5, 2011.
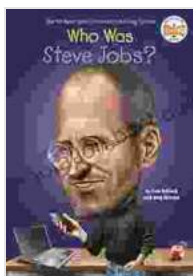
## Legacy

Steve Jobs was one of the most influential figures in the history of technology. He was a visionary leader who helped to shape the way we live

and work today. His products have revolutionized the way we communicate, learn, and entertain ourselves.

Jobs was also a gifted marketer and salesman. He had a knack for understanding what people wanted and for creating products that they loved. He was also a master of persuasion, and he was able to convince people to believe in his vision.

Jobs was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brilliant innovator, but he was also a ruthless businessman. He was a charismatic leader, but he could also be arrogant and demanding. However, there is no doubt that he was one of the most important figures in the history of technology.

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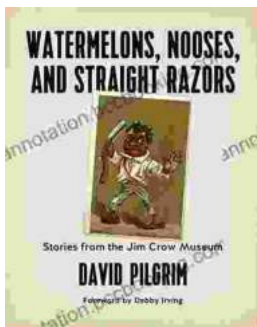
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