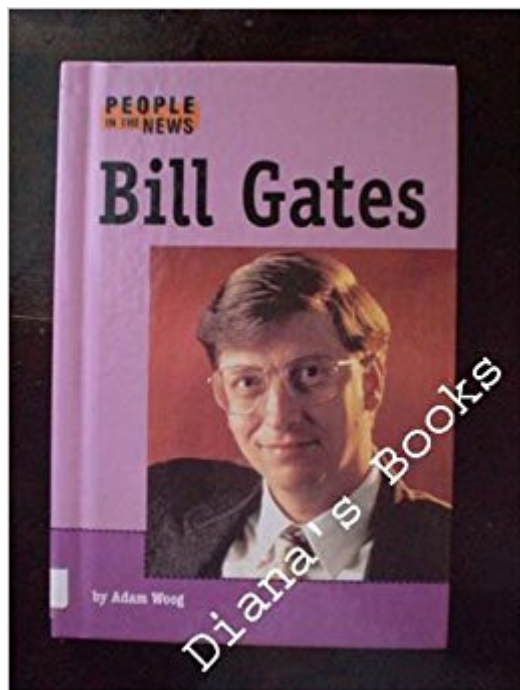


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# Bill Gates (People In The News)



## Synopsis

A biography of Bill Gates including his childhood, his early work in computers, the founding of Microsoft and the expansion of the company, his private life, and future prospects.

## Book Information

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Gr 7-9-Brilliant, intense, competitive, precocious, workaholic, driven, arrogant, obnoxious, eccentric, and charismatic are just a few of the adjectives used by Woog to describe the cofounder and CEO of Microsoft. Gates is the single most important person in the computer industry, and this title is as much a history of it as it is the story of Bill Gates. Although not an extensive biography, it hits the high points and portrays Gates's family, his successes, and his shortcomings. This book will suit assignment needs. It is better organized than Joan D. Dickinson's *Bill Gates* (Enslow, 1997) and has a better narrative flow. It is also more detailed and better balanced than that book. Woog's text is organized chronologically, easy-to-read, well written, and has good-quality black-and-white photographs.-Debbie Feulner, Northwest Middle School, Greensboro, NC Copyright 1999 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Reviewed with Sheila Wyborny's *Prince William*. Gr. 4-7. Concise and well illustrated, these titles in the Famous People series balance an overview of their subjects' lives with details of particular interest to kids. Woog's book follows Gates from precocious childhood and first business endeavors in high school to Microsoft's twenty-first-century anti-trust lawsuits. Readers will enjoy the personal

anecdotes, such as mention of Gates' lackadaisical approach to showering during his early years. Color photos include an aerial shot of Gates' lavish home, as well as excellent images of him as a smug, gangly adolescent. In *Prince William*, Wyborny embellishes the time line of the prince's life with unusual details about what it's like to grow up under immense public pressure (William was fitted with an electronic homing device, for example). She handles the famous divorce and Diana's death briefly and tactfully, keeping the focus on how the events affected William and his brother. The many color photos of the prince will please young fans. Both titles close with notes and suggestions for further reading. There's plenty of depth to support short reports, and the nice-looking formats will also attract browsers. Gillian Engberg

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Good description of a kid's successful achievement starting very young. Good for twelve-year-olds just starting to begin a path to their future.

My name is Brett Patenaude, i gave the book a 4 star review beacue it gave me alot of facts.Like how bill has always rocks in his chair since he was little, and that by the time he was 13 he was better at cracking computer bug than many trained softwear programers.The main character is Bill.Bill grew up in a small town of boston.Bill faced trubble in his early life with getting along with his class mates.But he had no problem copeing with this problem when he went 2 an all private boys school.

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