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Written especially for a young audience, a must-read biography of Steve Jobs: visionary, entrepreneur, inventor, and cofounder of Apple.

Visionary. Pioneer. Little terror. Entrepreneur. Inventor. College dropout. Creative genius. These are just a few of the words used to describe the late Steve Jobs, cofounder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Apple Inc.

Available in both paperback and hardcover, Patricia Lakin's biography for middle-grade readers tells the captivating and inspirational story of the 'Thomas Edison' of our time.

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From Reader Review Steve Jobs: Thinking Differently for online ebook

Drew Fogel says

Patricia Lakin did a fantastic job writing the biography of Apple Inc. creator Steve Jobs. Steve Jobs Thinking Differently by Patricia Lakin travels through time for you to see how Apple Inc. was built up so high.

Steve starts his life put up for adoption and in 1955 Paul and Clara chose to adopt Steve. Throughout Grade school Steve showed high interest technology. However in school he did not show any interest in learning, he was a turbulent child. However in the fourth grade his teacher “Teddy” Hill had a large impact on Steve’s school work. Mrs. Hill taught advanced fourth grade classes to Steve. Throughout high school Steve really showed interest in technology. When Steve reached college he was frustrated to take the required classes. So after the sixth month he dropped out of Reed college. Apple became an official incorporation in 1976 and the Apple II was the computer that set the company on fire.

Patricia Lakin has done a great job making this book and creating an easy and fast read that is full of information that is presented in an easy to understand format. Anyone who is interested in technology and the making of it should find this book interesting and a fun read.

Thinkerswriteandread says

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An orphan. A third grade terror. An inventor. A pioneer. A college dropout. A visionary. A geek. A revolutionary. Steve Jobs, with the help of his friend “Woz”, made a priceless friendship that made a priceless company. Actually, it was worth billions of dollars. In their very own garage, they made that company. The road to making the company wasn’t that easy, though. Once he formed Apple Inc. for the first time, he later got fired from his own company.

Steve Jobs: Thinking Differently was a vivid description of Jobs journey from grade school to Reed College, from India to Atari, from Apple to NeXT to Pixar and his subsequent return to Apple. He worked hard, and before he retired, he was the cofounder, chairman, and the chief executive officer of Apple Inc. Just like Jobs himself, this biography was fascinating, unforgettable, and a real workout to stop reading. I recommend this book to anyone, especially those who need a confidence boost.

Courtney Umlauf says

This is an excellent biography for middle grade readers, with plenty of insight into how Jobs approached life and his work. Lakin doesn't try to make Jobs out to be some kind of saint which I appreciated. This will be especially interesting to kids who are into computers and technology, but I think every young reader could benefit from learning about someone who so changed the world we live in today.

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Bill says

Good starter book if you plan to read up this man who could easily have his face on the Mount Rushmore of ENTJ's.

Sandeep Ellawala says

This is a simple, direct, and fast paced biography of Steve Jobs, a man set out to make a dent in the Universe. The author does not overly glorify the legend that is Steve Jobs. Instead we see a very human and flawed side of him that is not visible in his public persona. Through out this book, I took a journey with the author as she pulled out different events of Steve's life through narration, and quotes from people who knew him intimately. Granted that it is only 175 pages long, I ended up reading this in one sitting.

The transcript from the "Think Different" ad at the end truly made me feel inspired and realize how much he had touched our lives for generations to come, and truly created a dent in our Universe that would resonate with the rebels even long after he is gone.

"iThank you, steven p. jobs."

Mina says

"Think Different" ad:

Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or villify them. About the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. While some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.

"You have to trust in something -- your gut, destiny, life, karma... And most important, have the courage to

follow your heart and intuition."

"As for choosing a life path, he felt the key was finding what you love and pursuing it passionately."

Luân Nguy?n says

?ây là cu?n sách k? v? cu?c ??i bi?n ??ng c?a Steven Jobs, là m?t cu?n sách truy?n t?i ??ng l?c cho c? nh?ng ai ?ang t?m ki?m ??c m? c?ng nh? ?ang trên con ???ng th?c hi?n ??c m? c?a ??i mìn. Steve cho r?ng th?t h?nh phúc khi ???c bi?t gi?c m? t? thu? nh? và cha m? nuôi c?a ông ?ă th?p l?n ??ng l?c vô b? b?n cho ông su?t qu?ng ??i ?i h?c, luôn t?o cho ông m?i tr??ng h?c t?p t?t nh?t trong kh? n?ng c?a h?, cùng v?i nh?ng ng??i b?n ??ng hành cùng chung chí h??ng, t? ?ó hình thành n?n m?t nh?n cách Steve Jobs n? l?c h?t mìn... N?i dung truy?n t?i kh? gi?ng bài phát bi?u c?a Steve Jobs t?i bu?i t?ng k?t t?i ??i h?c Stanford n?n có th? nghi?n ng?m t? hai ngu?n tr?n.

Lucy Dixon says

How do you write a book for 8-14 year olds about an icon like Steve Jobs without getting preachy or judgmental? Lakin did a fine job. (Heh) Although it isn't perfect, I rounded up to 5 stars because I want to encourage middle grade kids to read it. And talk about it.

Thomas Sarell says

This book shows the beginings of apple computers with its founders. Add in with this this book is the life story of one Steve . P . Jobs and the creating of the major corperation The apple coperaion. with finding out that steve has a sister and that he left apple to start NExT computers. over this time period everything during this place were the book took place is leading up to the exact moments that steve made an exciting break throw . Here is one thing that steve jobs has said , " to one of his employes that he would know that it is not done perfect"page 106.

Emmanuel says

The book Steve jobs by Patricia Lakin, was for sure a fine read. It offered a good explanation of computer/electronics pioneer and Apple co-founder as well as quotes and information from news articles, speeches, and other books. Patricia follows Jobs's life along a linear trajectory of a gifted boy through an incredible college dropout to then becoming an Apple genius. She finds similarities between his life and changes in technology and society. She also describes his outbursts and relentless arguments with employees and investors that ended in his crying jags, as well as a stubborn streak that resulted in Jobs denying key employees stock options and his initial refusal to accept paternity of a daughter born from an early relationship.

One of the things that was very interesting about the book was how the college dropout has given a lot to information about technology globally and how after that dropout his story began. "And here I was spending all of the money my parents had saved their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all

work out okay. It was pretty scary at the time.” His products like Mac computer, iPod, iPhone and iPad are today among millions of people worldwide. “How people lived and communicated was going to be changed by us, changed forever, changed more than anyone could predict exactly...” These revolutionary products are result of Steve Jobs efforts. They had no idea of this when they started work at Steve’s house, when they got order computers that they made from scratch. “Things became much more clear ... not these magical things that just appeared in one’s environment, that one had no knowledge of their interior.” The idea of complete computer with monitor, keyboard and mouse came to their mind after annual computer festival in New Jersey.

While there were shortage of money for Apple II computer Mike Markkula was ready to fund with condition that Woz leave HP Job. There was quite a competition at the time but Apple II was launched with a special program and the market started to grow continuously. Woz could not believe this success of apple. “I was shocked, just completely shocked, Woz said. It was the first and most astounding success for Apple the company”. It was a tough to be in because it was not easy to create a small computer that could do more than the ordinary ones that already existed. “The real jump with the apple 2 was that it was a finish product. It was the first computer that you could buy that wasn’t a kit. It was fully assembled and you had its own case and its own keyboard and you could really sit down and start to use it.” By the age of 25, Steve was a superstar and had already become a millionaire. The new generation of computers such as Macintosh and Lisa was ready for market in 1984. Steve knew he had to take this opportunity. “If you want to live your life in a creative way, as an artist, you have to not look back too much.”

It was launched wonderfully linking it with a novel 1984. It left a Mac-Mania effect on public. After another successful success, Steve started to be harsh to worker for hard work. However, this was not entertained by John Scully and other workers. Slowly, he started his new business with his next computer and Pixar Company. In the end of all of this, Steve decided to sell all the Apple shares except for one share. He needed the money for operating the company. It was a tough choice that Steve had to make but he knew that it would turn out to be good. “Remembering that I’ll be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever encounter to help me make the big choices in life....”

After Steve left the Apple, their business also gone down. After 12 years of separation from Apple, a company that Steve jobs established and nurtured, he came back to Apple in June 1997 replacing Amelia with a special request from Apple management. Steve new it was time for a change once again. “In order to learn how to do something well, you have to fail sometimes.” Unfortunately it was to late for Steve, but his story of success continues to teach us many things. This is why the book is good and so interesting. Steve jobs teaches us many things in this book and one of the most important being that “Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life.” This is exactly what this book shows. Follow what you decide to follow. Don’t waste your time doing something you do not enjoy. If you have a dream chase it. We only live one life in this world. Live it how you want. That is what makes this book absolutely enjoyable. It makes us “Think different.”

Bharti says

A quick and light read. Outlines major events, not to much take-aways really.

Ryan Kaiser says

Steve Jobs: Thinking Differently is an abridged version of Steve Jobs life. Steve Jobs was born

Deborah says

Interesting background.

Joshua L. says

This was an interesting book because of how they explained about his personal life. Wanting to be connected to nature and explaining he was adopted. I like how they explained the build up into his successful company, Apple. Starting in his dad's garage. It gave me a great idea of what kind of person he really was. Not one of those biographies where they only focus on his achievements. It was interesting to learn about working at Atari and how he dropped out of college instead of talking about his company. And what he believed, what he wore, which he rarely took showers and did fasting a lot. Overall, I thought it was a great book with a lot of detail.

Sathvik Bhagavan says

Simple, lucid and beautifully written
