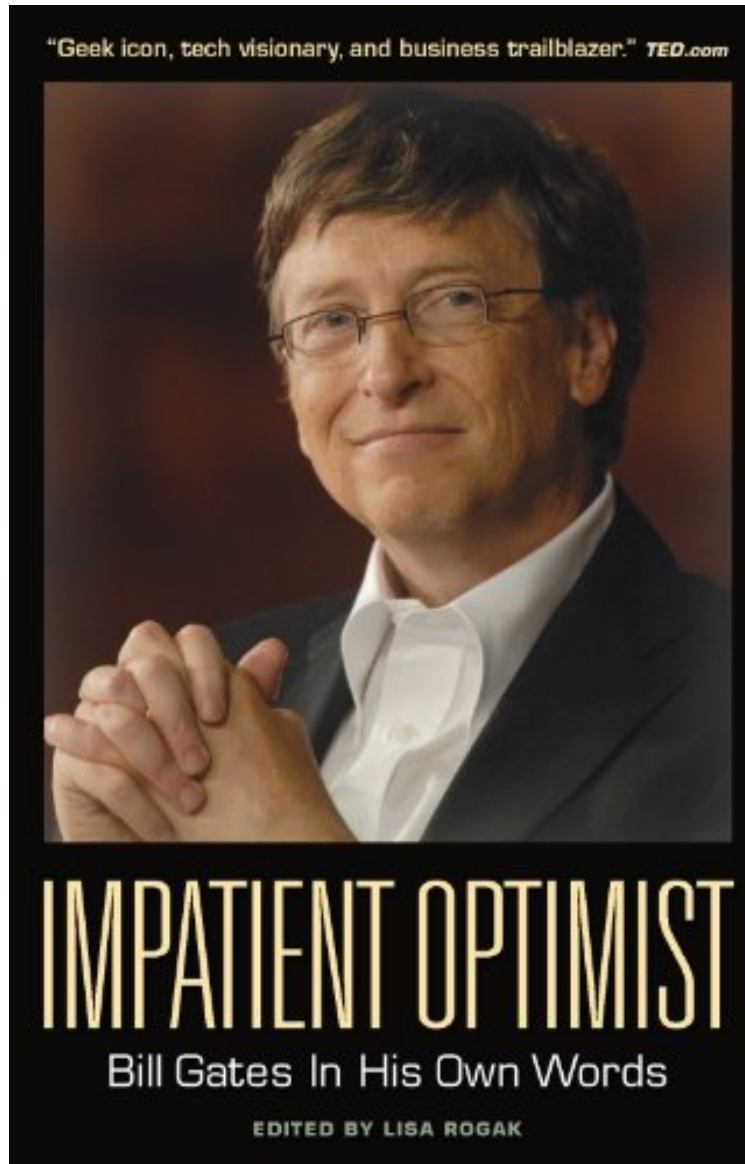


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24 of 25 people found the following review helpful. Curiously UnsatisfyingBy CryoruggieComposing a book purely by stringing together quotes from various speeches or publications left me completely unsatisfied. Yes - obviously Bill

is a sharp and savvy guy who has some meaningfully things to say. Yes - the book did bring across that point very well. What I kept asking myself - "OK, why did he say that?". I'd really have loved to see some context for the various quotes. What caused Gates to make them? What did he do after he said them? Did he just make the comments because they are intellectually cool or politically correct, or are they something that reflect his basic character or motivations? 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not really in his own words. By Chris This book is in his own words per say. It appears that the editor took various quotes from Bill Gates from various interviews and then pasted them into the book under different topic headers to make it appear he was commenting on the topic. I suppose that is in his own words but it was not what I was expecting. I was expecting a book written by him for the purpose of explaining about himself by his own hand with his own words for the intent of writing this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Enigma By Mammie This book did go far in explaining how one young man came to be the billionaire success story that he is. Although I did not get a sense of knowing Bill Gates any better after the reading. It was interesting in so much as the time line of his achievements was better told than in other publications. The sense of a pragmatic man who is determined to make things happen his way came through. The complex human being did not.

Bill Gates, the founder and former CEO of Microsoft, has been a revered, and occasionally controversial, worldwide business icon for more than three decades. Recognized by most as an ingenious visionary, and painted by some as a tyrannical, less-than-scrupulous empire builder, Gates has had an unignorable impact on the growth of digital technology in daily life over the past 30 years. Even his sharpest critics have to acknowledge the obvious: Gates helped spearhead one of the greatest revolutions in modern history by seizing on the importance of software to the rise of the personal computer, along the way turning an arcane, specialized technology into a commonplace tool for the office and home. Gates has long been ranked as one of the world's wealthiest men--which gave him a name recognition far greater than that of most CEOs--and businesspeople of all stripes have looked to him as a role model, using his words and business strategies to help create, inspire, and grow their own companies. After he stopped running Microsoft's day-to-day operations in 2008 to devote himself full-time to the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation, a kinder, gentler Gates began to emerge. As a result, people actively involved in the philanthropic world, whether in professional, part-time, or personal capacities, began to develop a new appreciation for the man. Bill Gates's second act is no less compelling than his first. And whether you're interested in his personal life or looking for inspiration to drive you forward in your own business endeavors, *Impatient Optimist: Bill Gates in His Own Words* has much to offer. As the tech giants who distinguished the turn of the 21st century shape public life in ways that outstrip the efforts of the previous century's titans of industry, we look to figures like Gates for inspiration as one of America's greatest business icons. This book will surely feed the world's curiosity about one of the most important leaders of the digital age.

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