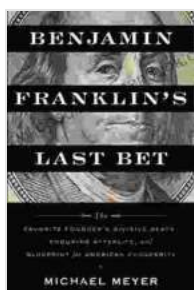


# The Favorite Founder: Divisive Death, Enduring Afterlife, and Blueprint for the Future

Steve Jobs was one of the most influential figures in the history of technology. He was the co-founder of Apple Computer, Inc., which went on to become one of the most successful companies in the world. Jobs was a visionary leader who was known for his perfectionism and his ability to inspire others. He was also a controversial figure who was often criticized for his abrasive personality and his ruthless business practices.



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Jobs died in 2011 at the age of 56, but his legacy continues to live on. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest entrepreneurs of all time, and his products and ideas have had a profound impact on the way we live and work.

## **The Early Years**

Steve Jobs was born in San Francisco, California, on February 24, 1955. He was adopted by Paul and Clara Jobs, a working-class couple. Jobs grew up in a modest home in Mountain View, California, and attended Homestead High School. He was a bright and curious child, but he was also known for his rebellious streak.

Jobs' interest in electronics began at an early age. He built his first computer, the Apple I, in his parents' garage in 1976. The Apple I was a revolutionary product, and it quickly gained popularity among hobbyists and computer enthusiasts. In 1977, Jobs and his friend Steve Wozniak founded Apple Computer, Inc.

## **The Apple Years**

Under Jobs' leadership, Apple Computer, Inc. quickly became one of the most successful companies in the world. The company's early products, such as the Apple II and the Macintosh, were groundbreaking innovations that helped to revolutionize the personal computer industry.

Jobs was a brilliant marketer, and he was able to create a strong following for Apple products. He was also a visionary leader who was always looking for new ways to improve Apple's products and services. However, Jobs was also a controversial figure. He was known for his perfectionism and his abrasive personality. He was also criticized for his ruthless business practices.

In 1985, Jobs was ousted from Apple Computer, Inc. by the company's board of directors. Jobs was devastated by his dismissal, but he quickly rebounded and founded a new company, NeXT Computer, Inc. NeXT

Computer, Inc. was not as successful as Apple Computer, Inc., but it developed some important technologies that were later adopted by Apple.

## **The Return to Apple**

In 1997, Apple Computer, Inc. acquired NeXT Computer, Inc. Jobs returned to Apple as the company's CEO, and he quickly began to turn the company around. Under Jobs' leadership, Apple released a series of groundbreaking products, such as the iMac, the iPod, the iPhone, and the iPad.

Jobs' return to Apple was a triumph, and he quickly became one of the most respected and successful CEOs in the world. He was known for his vision, his leadership skills, and his ability to inspire others. However, Jobs was also a controversial figure, and he was often criticized for his abrasive personality and his ruthless business practices.

## **The Legacy of Steve Jobs**

Steve Jobs died in 2011 at the age of 56. He left behind a legacy that is both complex and inspiring. Jobs was a visionary leader who was responsible for some of the most important innovations in the history of technology. He was also a controversial figure who was often criticized for his abrasive personality and his ruthless business practices.

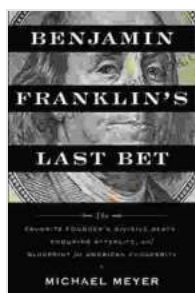
Despite his flaws, Steve Jobs was one of the most influential figures in the history of business and technology. His products and ideas have had a profound impact on the way we live and work, and his legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

## **The Blueprint for the Future**

Steve Jobs was a visionary leader who was always looking for new ways to improve Apple's products and services. He was also a passionate believer in the power of technology to change the world. In his famous 2005 commencement address at Stanford University, Jobs said, "Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become."

Jobs' words are a reminder that we all have the potential to make a difference in the world. We should not be afraid to follow our dreams and to pursue our passions. We should also not be afraid to fail. Failure is an essential part of the learning process, and it can lead us to great things.

Steve Jobs was a great example of someone who followed his dreams and pursued his passions. He was not afraid to fail, and he never gave up on his beliefs. As a result, he achieved great things and left a lasting legacy. We can all learn from his example and strive to make a difference in the world.



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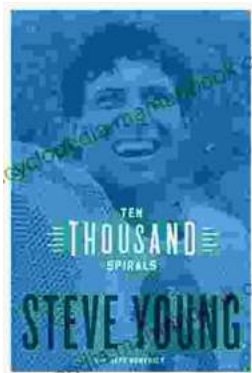
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