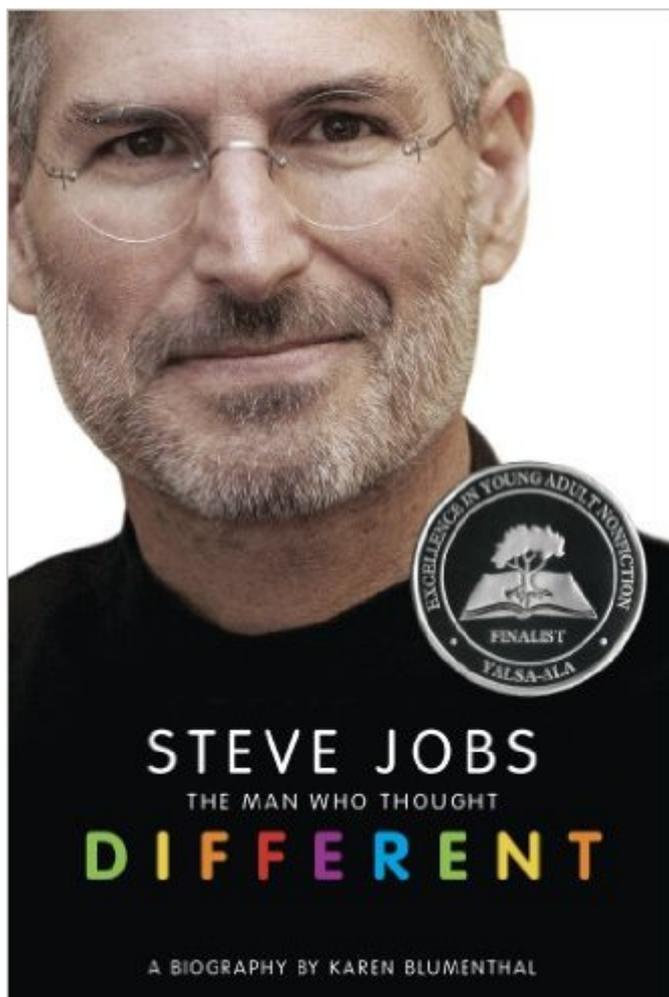


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# Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different: A Biography



## Synopsis

"Your time is limited. . . . have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."--Steve Jobs  
From the start, his path was never predictable. Steve Jobs was given up for adoption at birth, dropped out of college after one semester, and at the age of twenty, created Apple in his parents' garage with his friend Steve Wozniack. Then came the core and hallmark of his genius--his exacting moderation for perfection, his counterculture life approach, and his level of taste and style that pushed all boundaries. A devoted husband, father, and Buddhist, he battled cancer for over a decade, became the ultimate CEO, and made the world want every product he touched. Critically acclaimed author Karen Blumenthal takes us to the core of this complicated and legendary man while simultaneously exploring the evolution of computers. Framed by Jobs' inspirational Stanford commencement speech and illustrated throughout with black and white photos, this is the story of the man who changed our world.

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KAREN BLUMENTHAL is a critically acclaimed children’s non-fiction writer and a long-time journalist for the Wall Street Journal. She is the author of *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*, which received four starred reviews, *Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929*, which was a Sibert Honor Book, and *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX*, which won a Jane Addams Children’s Book Award. She lives in Dallas, Texas.

The book is well organized and well written. It provides the reader with an overview of Jobs’ life and Apple origin and spectacular growth to become the giant that is today. On the other hand, it’s unbelievable that a person with so many character flaws could achieve all the extraordinary goals that Jobs achieve on his life. Perhaps, it was his tenacity, visionary ideals and persistence to pursue perfection, and the way he view life , all traits that help him become a legend.

This book was assigned to me to read for my junior year in high school. I was surprised at how easily the book captured my attention considering I only read books when it is for a grade. I enjoyed the organization as well as the visuals the author provided (I even found myself googling early Apple products and commercials). Overall this is a smooth read and I finished earlier than I thought I would.

I really enjoyed this book. Some of the opinions I had about Steve Jobs changed after I finished it, and many of them changed in a manner totally opposite to what I previously thought. Was he a genius? I’m not sure now. I wished, though, that the role of other people who were in charge of development and marketing had been better explained.

well written and good analysis of jobs too, unlike other cheerleading books

My son does not enjoy reading and it’s like pulling teeth to get him to open up a book. So I had to get creative when it was time to find a book for his summer reading. He loved this book from

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