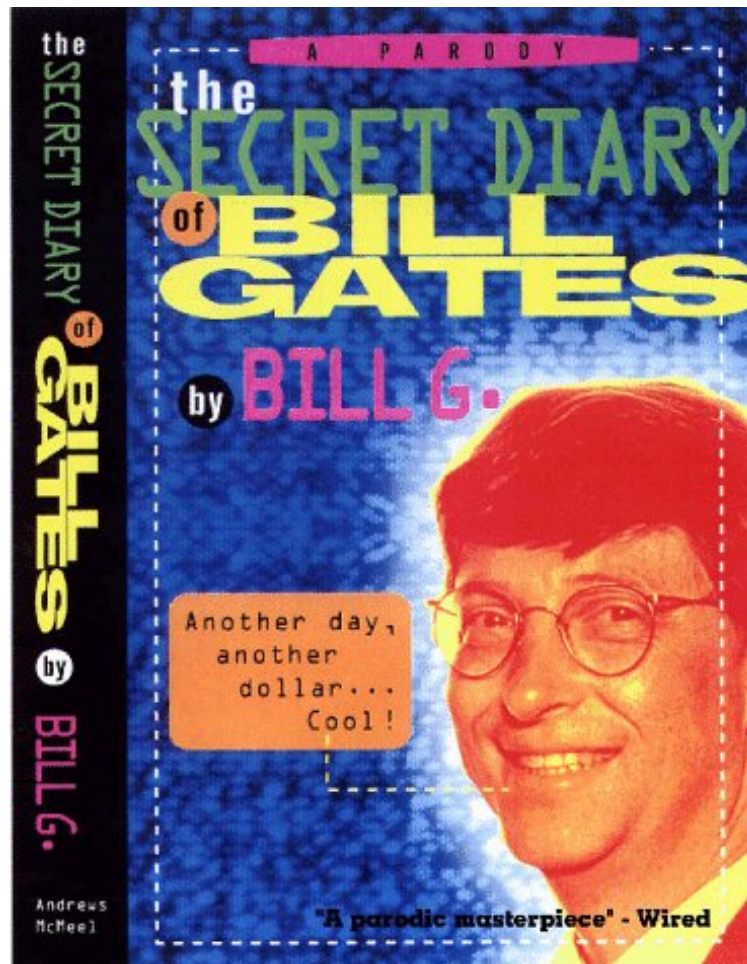


The Secret Diary of Bill Gates

Bill G.

ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#6933396 in Books Andrews Mcmeel Pub 1998-05 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.50 x 5.50 x .751,
#File Name: 0836252047273 pages | File size: 55.Mb

Bill G. : The Secret Diary of Bill Gates before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Secret Diary of Bill Gates:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Simply a ClassicBy Ramon Thomas I remember reading the actual diary entries as they appeared on the Internet back in 1998. Then one day their website went offline and luckily the book was published. I bought it and have a good laugh every now and then. I've even considered writing a similar daily parody for our President Mbeki, who is one of the most eccentric people on the planet. This book is for everyone and anyone who's always wondered what it's like to be Bill Gates! 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Supercool!! By A Customer Having read the original masterpiece "The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole" many years ago, I was wary about how this book would compare. But in true Bill Gates style, the author, "Bill G", has taken Sue Townsend's original formula and adapted it expertly to his own ends. The Secret Diary of Bill Gates contains many hilarious entries, and while probably not a true reflection of the life of the world's most successful nerd, it is certainly

an amusing picture of how Bill Gates might spend his days. One minor criticism is that to understand the humor behind some of the entries, requires the reader to already have a fair amount of knowledge about Bill Gates, Microsoft and the computer industry. But, the excellent "Who's Who in Bill's Little World" and easy to read style of the writing, should mean that most readers will laugh at almost every entry. For people like myself who are interested in the PC industry, the book is a "must read", I can't wait for the next edition (or should that be "version 2.0"?). Bravo Bill G!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Two Thumbs Way Up! By A Customer As a journo, I've been lucky enough to get hold of a preview copy of The Secret Diary from Andrews McMeel Publishing, and I have to say that I laughed out loud all the way through its 300 odd pages. I'm familiar with the Web version and the book is the "best-of" over two years of entries, carefully edited to produce one year of entries which flow seamlessly from nerdish enthusiasm to competitive malevolence. In addition to the Diary entries, there is an "Are you like Bill Gates?" self-assessment quiz (a riot!), and a comprehensive "Who's Who in Bill's World" (also very funny) which explains many of the people and references for the less technical among us. Absolutely the FUNNIEST book about Bill Gates ever written. And, in case that doesn't sound like a strong enough compliment, it's also one of the funniest books I've ever read. As Siskel Ebert would say: Two Thumbs Way Up!

Since 1996 The Secret Diary of Bill Gates has appeared on the Web. This book is a compilation of a full year's entries that detail the daily doings of Microsoft's head honcho in a parodic format. '

.com Bill Gates is undoubtedly not as happy-go-lucky and slapstick as the narrator of this parody, but that's exactly why this is more interesting than his real diary. Written as a yearlong series of diary entries, "Bill" obsesses about issues such as his daily net worth, his fame, his IQ, the construction of his humongous mansion, and taking over the universe, plus divulges his lust for hot women, from his wife, Melinda, to the Spice Girls. Entries are populated with Bill's priorities on issues such as the top 10 most powerful guys on the planet (of which he is always No. 1), top 10 Microsoft bumper stickers, and top 10 dates with Melinda. After reading through a year in the life, you can take the "Are You Like Bill Gates?" quiz. A who's who glossary defines the people and companies that exist in Bill's world and a bibliography recommends 20 more books about Bill that you can read. --Cristina Vaamonde From Kirkus SA pseudonymously in cyberspace attempts a parody of the Internet diary by the Microsoft mogul. This text doesn't emanate from newspaper columns, TV, or movies, but rather is cobbled together from a hot site on the World Wide Web. And if it were a real book instead of a parody of a book it might be an ominous portent for authorship. Certainly, the Richest Guy in the World is the proper subject for satire, but surely he deserves something funnier than this, the Web version of rancid popcorn. There are constant put-downs of competitors by a supposedly silly Gates. Running gags about his manliness, his family, his house, his search for new books about himself and his postulated delight in the Spice Girls are not particularly funny. The likely premise of Gates being at once egotistical, naive, and ruthless beyond measure goes nowhere at all. "The coolest!", "way cool!" and "so cool!" are the diary's sole expressions of approbation, and that approbation is confined solely to Gates himself, of course. On the other hand, disapproval is expressed with "Way cool, not!" This extended vocabulary is used for all Microsoft competition. Comedic fun is tagged with an ever useful "Ha, ha, ha!" The syntax sounds suspiciously like that of a sophomore computer geek, though some industry buzz and Microsoft gossip make the author sound like an insider. A sizable audience of computer buffs, chat room nerds, and Windows resisters may be found, but unless you like to spend all your time surfing the Net for hackers' detritus, forget it. Better to spend your time perusing a screen saver. Way coool, not! -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. "Microsoft megamogul Bill Gates is the subject of dozens of parodies on the web, but this one is the best... offering Bill G.'s hilarious, self-centered insights into the personal computer industry. -- Houston Chronicle For sharp satire, click on 'The Secret Diary of Bill Gates.' -- New York Times It's a hoot. Highly recommended! -- David H. Rothman, author of NetWorld! Mysterious ghostwriter 'Bill G.' has mastered a hilariously self-confident technothology just dopey enough to rule the world. Daily entries flow seamlessly from gloating malevolence to girlish enthusiasm... A parodic masterpiece, Secret Diary does, however, bring to mind one chilling thought: Bill's REAL diary probably doesn't look that much different. -- Wired Magazine The funniest of a host of web sites lampooning the world's wealthiest man. -- US News World report This diary will become famous someday. -- George Mannes, New York Post