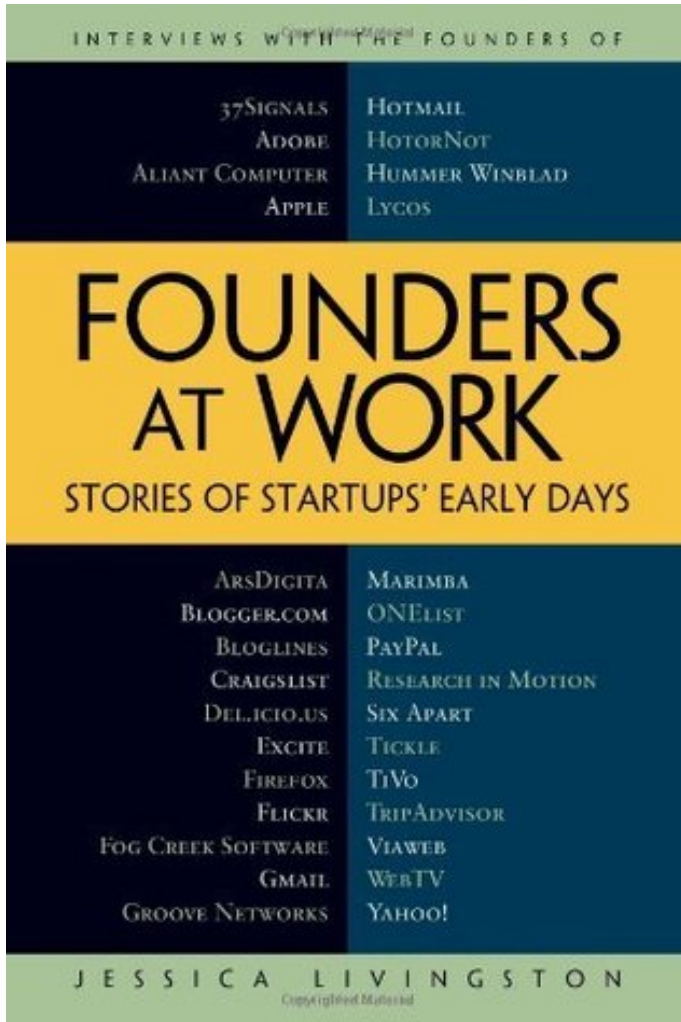

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Founders at Work: Stories of Startups' Early Days



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Description

For would-be entrepreneurs, innovation managers or just anyone fascinated by the special chemistry and drive that created some of the best technology companies in the world, this book offers both wisdom and engaging insights—straight from the source.

— Chris Anderson, editor-in-chief of Wired Magazine, and author of *The Long Tail*

"All the best things that I did at Apple came from (a) not having money and (b) not having done it before, ever." —Steve Wozniak, Apple

Founders at Work: Stories of Startups' Early Days is a collection of interviews with founders of famous technology companies about what happened in the very earliest days. These people are celebrities now. What was it like when they were just a couple friends with an idea? Founders like Steve Wozniak (Apple), Caterina Fake (Flickr), Mitch Kapor (Lotus), Max Levchin (PayPal), and Sabeer Bhatia (Hotmail) tell you in their own words about their surprising and often very funny discoveries as they learned how to build a company.

Where did they get the ideas that made them rich? How did they convince investors to back them? What went wrong, and how did they recover?

Nearly all technical people have thought of one day starting or working for a startup. For them, this book is the closest you can come to being a fly on the wall at a successful startup, to learn how it's done.

But ultimately these interviews are required reading for anyone who wants to understand business, because startups are business reduced to its essence. The reason their founders become rich is that startups do what businesses do—create value—more intensively than almost any other part of the economy. How? What are the secrets that make successful startups so insanely productive? Read this book, and let the founders themselves tell you.

Insightful reviews

Slavo Ingilizov: Great value. I've always preferred interviews with real people rather than a subjective opinion. This book not only tries to hit a specific topic, but also intentionally tries to just provide comparison data about some of the most successful entrepreneurs.

John Abassian: "Founders at Work: Stories of Startups' Early Days" is a very insightful book, full of informative material and entertainment at the same time. The book, while basically is just a large set of interviews, offers readers a very powerful and insightful look into the entrepreneurial process.

The book is a series of interviews with founders of large and successful technology companies, such as Apple, Yahoo, Paypal, and Hotmail, to name a few. The interviews are done in a very effective manner, short questions, and the interviewee is given a chance to speak as much as they please. In their own words, those founders explain what made them successful, what struggles they went through, and how they pulled through.

At some points in the book, I felt like the interviewer missed a few opportunities to ask specific questions, but overall, the questions were mostly on point.

These interviews are focused on the startup process of the companies founded by these successful men. Whether the company is still active today as a major player in the field, or if they were overtaken and bought out by an even bigger company, these men created something that still to this day plays a large part of our lives. The technologies they created left behind a large print that will not be forgotten any time in the near future.

This book is a must read for anyone looking to start a business. While the ideas and lessons found throughout this book are of great value for any startup founder, the motivation alone is worth the read for anyone. It truly is a goldmine of valuable information.

Craig Cecil: After reading the classic 'Programmers at Work' back in the 1980s, then re-reading it again last year, I was a little disappointed with Founders at Work. The book has the same interview format as Programmers at Work, this time mainly with web startup founders from the 1995-2005 period. There is some overlap with similar individuals interviewed in Programmers at Work, such as Dan Bricklin, Steve Wozniak, and Mitch Kapor. But mainly, you'll read about the guys and gals behind PayPal, Blogger, Yahoo, Craigslist, Flickr, del.icio.us, etc. I was hoping for the same level of storytelling from the individuals interviewed—however, this time I found the stories to be flat, and uninteresting after awhile. This may just be an individual preference and bias, since many readers of this book won't have been influenced by Programmers at Work. I would still suggest reading this one, but only after you've read Programmers at Work.

John Montgomery: This publication is a compendium of transcripts of interviews among the writer and 32 profitable marketers who inform the tales in their businesses. There isn't any greater choice of first hand debts of what it truly is wish to be within the pilot's seat of a start-up. It's really precious for an entrepreneur trying to find a task version in a specific or domain. The power of this choice of interviews is in its uncooked immediacy. That also is its weakness. Each one interview includes many nuggets of important details and suggestion but in addition

comprises a lot extra ego and verbiage, which makes the various interviews tough to read. it is the written an identical of a dwell live performance recording, no longer a elegant studio production. The interviews will be even more compelling in an audio e-book format. Jessica Livingston was once one in all my position types for nice for the Start. i love the raw, emotional fringe of her choice of interviews. She has a present for making her interviewees think cozy to bare actual stories.

Sean Nam: The booklet is right to its title, *Founders at Work*. integrated at the hide is the checklist of the software program and net startups interviewed, starting from loved ones names, like Google and Apple, to ones you have by no means of, particularly in 2015 and also you have been born within the 90's like I was. Regardless, every one founder stocks their humble beginnings. Many percentage their imaginative and prescient and values that they have got had from the beginning. Livingston does an exceptional activity of interviewing the various founders. There are universal questions requested to all of the founders, in a single shape or another, like "What recommendation could you provide to founders?" and "Did you ever are looking to quit?". The answers, coming from these who have been via it, from IPOs to complaints to acquisitions, are invaluable. All in all, i think *Founders at Work* is a useful read. you will study loads of fascinating issues and notice the recommendation most folk provide you with in a special perspective.

Mark: attention-grabbing first-hand money owed from founders of now-ubiquitous companies: hotmail, gmail, paypal, yahoo stores, hotornot, apple, and so forth etc. strangely, the technical point is never the main tough a part of the corporate - many of the founders say advertising the product was once loopy hard. interesting factoids you are going to decide up from studying the book: * hotornot was once carried out in a day to expense a few random lady one of many founders had obvious recently. the location unfold virally and so they had over 50,000 web page perspectives within the first afternoon. the founder then infrequently slept for the following few weeks as all time was once spent getting the carrier to scale. * hotmail couldn't clarify to somebody why they might wish net established mail after they have been procuring it around. * the fellow who based arsdigita hates operating with programmers. he says they're all narcissistic unmanageable freaks. if you are a programmer this ebook is a must-read. whether not, i feel it'll nonetheless be an enjoyable (although occasionally challenging) read. when you've got any curiosity in company i might additionally suggest this book.

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