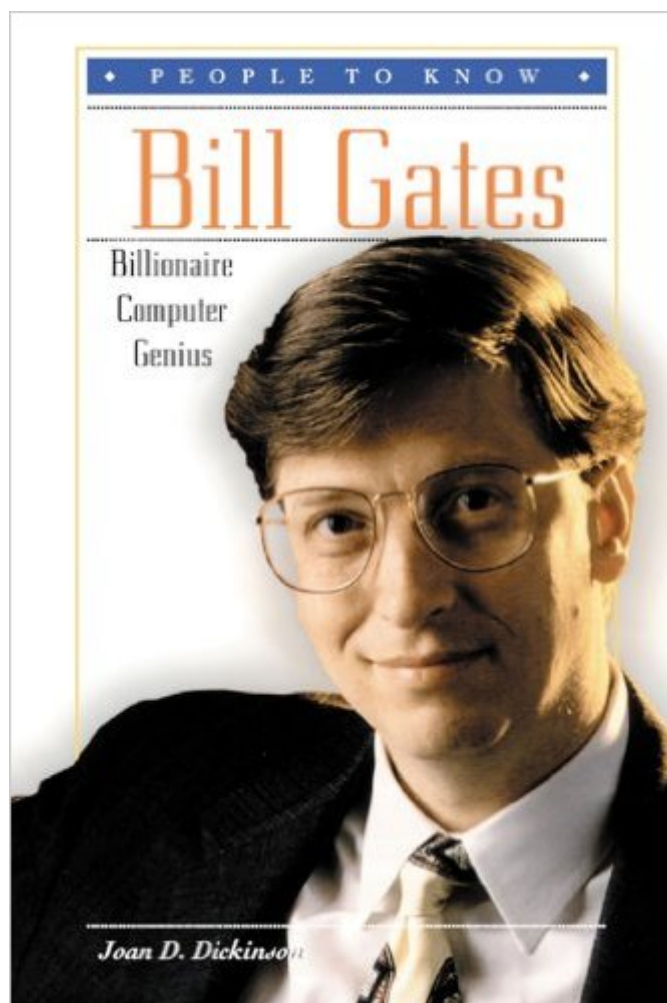# Bill Gates: Billionaire Computer Genius (People To Know)

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graduating from Lakeside, Bill was enrolled in Harvard University. While there, he created a programming unit of BASIC for microcomputers. However, shortly afterward he dropped out of Harvard to devote of all his time to computer programming. He went out on a limb and began his own company in 1975 called Microsoft.

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