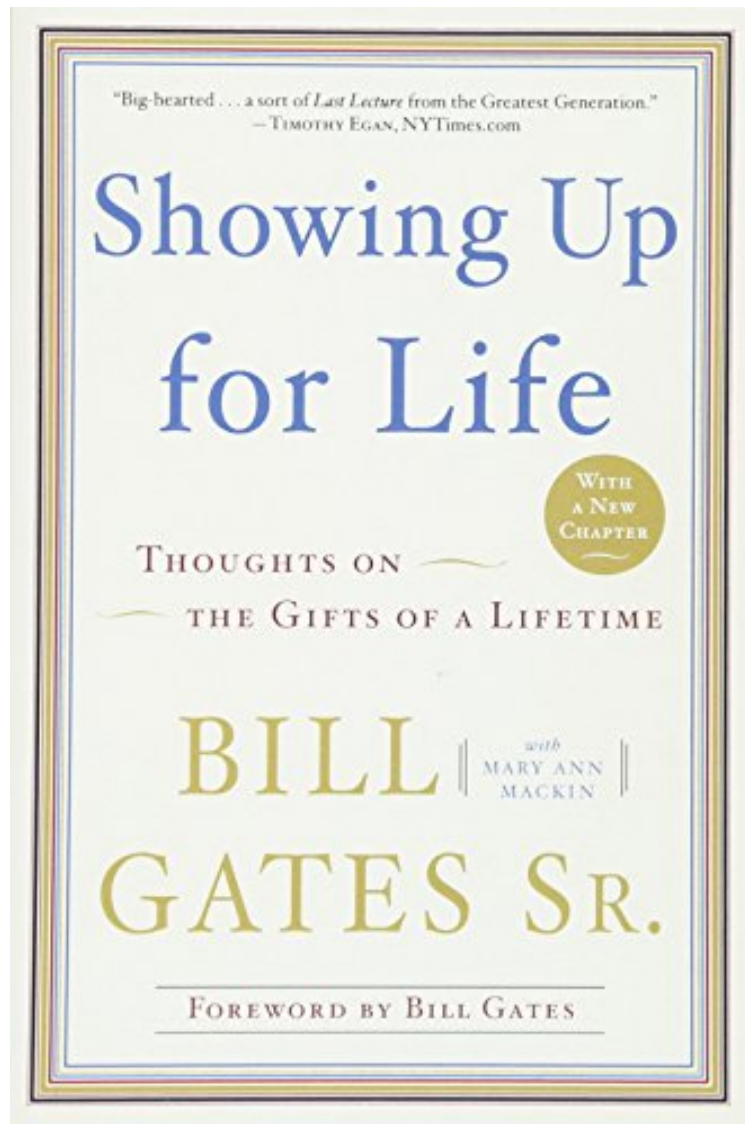


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0 people found the following review helpful. Showing up and speaking up for good causes
By Chad MI enjoyed the audio version of this book very much. Recently, Bill and Melinda Gates have been interviewed on the Charlie Rose Show. This book by Bill Gates Sr. provides some background on their public interest work. Bill Gates, Sr. has an impressive life, career, and story. He has a clear message: show up and speak up for good causes. That is, he argues for a "vita activa" or active life, one of public engagement, in contrast to a contemplative life. The audiobook summarizes key events in his life and how this strategy has worked for him and his family. However, the optimistic tone of this book contrasts with some of the Charlie Rose interviews and recent news. For example, Bill Gates, Sr. specifically says that US government funding RD for basic science is essential for future prosperity. However, government funded research is at historically low percentages, especially for energy RD. Last week's issue of "The Economist" magazine article cited Chinese RD at about \$200 billion annually, now ahead of the EU, but still lower than American RD. This is an important challenge for the Gates Foundation and other large foundations, and a reason for EU and US citizens to speak up.
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Vaccine Against Cynicism (I second that)
By Andy Orrock I love the review entitled "A Vaccine Against Cynicism." I think that's a perfect depiction of this wonderful book from Bill Gates Sr (born William Henry Gates II, the father has adopted 'Sr.' as way to eliminate confusion). I also take note of Heidi Roizen's review in which she takes note of "Senior's" 'strong moral compass.' That's a lady who would know. As Bill Gates (the son) says in his forward: "Dad, the next time somebody asks you if you're the real Bill Gates, I hope you say, "Yes." I hope you tell them that you're all the things the other one strives to be." Perfect. You can't help but be struck by the integrity and regal bearing of this man, one who clearly celebrates and honors the achievements of all three of his children equally. The book is also a paean to his late wife, Mary, a legend in non-profit and charitable organization circles. I listened to the Audio CD version of this book. I highly recommend it. It's great drive-time material - inspiring stuff to stir your imagination to and from the office.

A heartfelt, deeply personal book, *Showing Up for Life* shines a bright light on the values and principles that Bill Gates Sr. has learned over a lifetime of showing up lessons that he learned growing up during the Great Depression, and that he instilled in his children and continues to practice on the world stage as the co-chair of the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation. Through the course of several dozen narratives arranged in roughly chronological fashion, Gates introduces the people and experiences that influenced his thinking and guided his moral compass. Among them: the scoutmaster who taught him about teamwork and self reliance; and his famous son, Trey, whose curiosity and passion for computers and software led him to ultimately co-found Microsoft. Through revealing stories of his daughters, Kristi and Libby; his late wife, Mary, and his current wife, Mimi; and his work with Nelson Mandela and Jimmy Carter, among others, he discusses the importance of hard work, getting along, honoring a confidence, speaking out, and much more. *Showing Up for Life* translates one man's experiences over fourscore years of living into an inspiring road map for readers everywhere. As Bill Gates Sr. puts it: Im 83 years old. Representing the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation and everyone who is a part of it has given me the opportunity to see more of the world and its rich possibilities than most people ever do. I never imagined that I'd be working this late in life, or enjoying it so much.

From Publishers Weekly Gates, attorney, philanthropist and father of the Microsoft scion, shares thoughts and family memories in this warm collection of short essays. Counting his children-Kristi, Libby, and son Bill--among his proudest achievements, Gates stays close to home and largely abstains from name dropping, though the Gates keep some impressive company (Gates prizes a photograph of himself, Nelson Mandela and Jimmy Carter at the Zola Clinic in South Africa). With a conversational tone, Gates enumerates his tenets for successful life-hard work, generosity and curiosity-along with what he's learned from people like his scoutmaster Dorm Braman, his son Bill, his late wife, Mary, and his current wife, Mimi, as well as friends from the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. government. Along with some impressive moments from exotic locations, such as his many trips to Africa, Gates's cascade of small, private moments build to an impressive and very personal life survey. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Bill Senior is as wise as his son is brilliant. I've learned a lot from both of them and believe everyone can benefit from the insights Bill Senior shares in this book. Warren Buffett "Bill Gates Sr. is a wonderful example of what it means to be a global citizen, teaching us how we can work together for a more just and fair society." former president Jimmy Carter Bill Gates Sr., does more than just show up in this charming and instructive guide to a good life. He shares lessons learned as a husband, a father, a lawyer, a philanthropist, and a citizen. *Showing up for life* is a gift of great value. Tom Brokaw About the Author WILLIAM GATES Sr., a prominent lawyer, civil activist, and philanthropist, is co-chair of the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation. He lives in Seattle, Washington. MARY ANN MACKIN provides speechwriting services to CEOs of foundations and corporations in a number of industries.