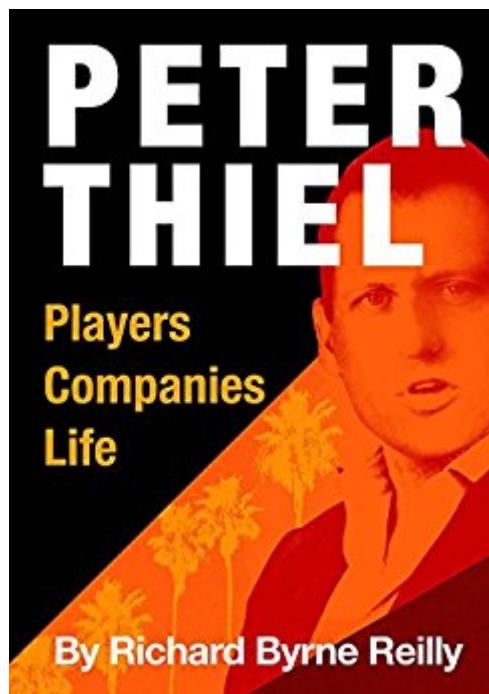


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# Peter Thiel: Players, Companies, Life: The Unauthorized Microbiography Of Technology's Greatest Entrepreneur.



## **Synopsis**

Investigative journalist Richard Byrne Reilly has published the first biography of Peter Thiel, the controversial billionaire and contrarian behind some of the world's most powerful and disruptive technology companies. "Peter Thiel: Players, Companies, Life," an unauthorized microbiography published as an eBook, illuminates the world view of the man who co-founded PayPal and Palantir, became both the first outside investor in Facebook and the first institutional investor in the newly-legalizing marijuana industry, and is now a pledged Donald Trump delegate. "Players, Companies, Life" recounts the board meeting where Mark Zuckerberg turned down Yahoo's \$1 billion offer for Facebook; proffers Thiel's brutal appraisals of tech giants; and tells how a chess grand master's strategy inspired his approach to investing. Above all, Players is an inspiring blueprint on the value of optimism -and how to attain your goals.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Being very interested in Peter Thiel, I bought this book with high hopes of learning more about the things that make him tick and how he became the successful businessman he is. What this book

essentially delivers is a set of quotes and or thoughts on specific individuals, companies, and concepts. While not a boring read, it had the potential to be so much more if the chapters could have been fleshed out with more insight. A good quick read, but mildly disappointing in the end.

Having a PayPal Business Account and being an advocate of this financial instrument for others, I couldn't wait to read about co-founder: Peter Thiel, who is a genius Silicon Valley entrepreneur, and owns a chunk of Facebook and sits on its Board of Directors. I really felt like Richard Byrne Reilly creates a bridge into his mind and thinking. I read the book in one sitting, and Reilly's prose is brilliantly adaptative to the current digital mindset of the global consciousness of our time. Absolutely entertaining and I highly recommend for anyone, but a MUST-read for all entrepreneurs and the tech industry. Peter Thiel: Players, Companies, Life: The unauthorized microbiography of technology's greatest entrepreneur.

Peter Thiel is an iconic figure in the startup world, and this biography definitely does him justice. The author has curated 67 quotes from Peter Thiel on various subjects (Players, Companies and Life) that contribute to painting an accurate picture of one of the most successful technologists in this era. This also makes this book a light read, rather than a long, boring and purely informative autobiography. Not only does it allow you to get a good glimpse of Thiel's life story so far, you also really get to take a peek into his way of thinking and envisioning the future. It's priceless.

Peter Thiel is complex, like fine wine. How does one grasp the essence of an extraordinary man without confounding his brilliance with personal opinions and judgment? Richard Byrne Reilly's generous, creative and positive sensibility in designing a microbiography to present an array of Thielâ™s thoughts, ideas, beliefs, decision-making strategies, and forward-visioning approaches offers the reader the opportunity to model greatness rather than criticize it. Reillyâ™s book is a deceptively fast read, yet is a classic in elegantly portraying how to think big, take risks, be authentic, and make the world a better place, in Thielâ™s own words. This book is stimulating and engaging for techsperts as well as non-tech readers. It is compact; yet a full potentiating read, as current and powerful as the tech industry itself.

Great insights into the mind and biography of one of Silicon Valley's most powerful (and secretive) investors, compiled from extensive research. The structure is impressionistic, with many short anecdotes, but combined they paint a striking picture of a modern tech mogul. Now that Thiel has

been revealed as the secret funding behind the Hulk Hogan v. Gawker lawsuit (among other lawsuits aimed at taking down Gawker), this is required reading for anyone who cares about the future of tech and media.

I wanted to understand Peter Thiel, see how he lived his life and what made him so successful. Instead, I got a disjointed series of shallow quotes, mostly about Thiel's opinions on other Silicon Valley figures. Very little context for each quote, and absolutely no narrative stringing them together. Go read (or reread) *Zero to One* instead, or watch one of Peter's talks on youtube.

A quick and enlightening read. Well framed. A collage of insights from one of the most influential figures in technology and innovation. Reilly has captured the soul and spirit of Thiel, through his own words, without trying to manipulate the reader. What you see is what you get from Reilly's court side seat. A must read for anyone captivated by this fascinating man and the technology culture he's impacted.

Entertaining representation of one of the more interesting figures in tech. Not only are the quotes sharp and expertly chosen, but the talks and interviews they link to make this a valuable resource for both those with a passing curiosity and those looking to dig deep into the life and motivations of Peter Thiel. As the book's proofreader, I can attest to the author's passion for the subject and say that even after several reads you'll continue to appreciate the gems that this collection highlights.

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