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The Atari 8-bit computers were a line of home computers released by Atari, Inc. from 1979 to 1992. The line included the Atari 400, Atari 800, Atari 1200XL, and Atari 130XE. The Atari 8-bit computers were some of the most popular home computers of the early 1980s, and they played a major role in the development of the home video game industry.

The Early Days of Atari

Atari was founded in 1972 by Nolan Bushnell and Ted Dabney. The company's first product was Pong, a simple tennis game that was released in 1972. Pong was a huge success, and it helped to launch the home video game industry.

In 1977, Atari released the Atari 2600, a home video game console that was based on the Atari 8-bit computers. The Atari 2600 was a huge success, and it helped to make Atari a household name.

The Atari 8-Bit Computers

The Atari 8-bit computers were released in 1979. The line included the Atari 400, Atari 800, Atari 1200XL, and Atari 130XE. The Atari 8-bit computers were some of the most powerful home computers of their time, and they featured a wide range of features, including a built-in BASIC interpreter, a graphics editor, and a music synthesizer.

The Atari 8-bit computers were used for a wide variety of purposes, including gaming, programming, and education. They were also popular

with hobbyists and hackers, who used them to create their own software and hardware.

The Golden Age of Arcade Games

The early 1980s saw the release of a number of classic arcade games, including Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and Space Invaders. These games were incredibly popular, and they helped to make arcade games a mainstream phenomenon.

Many of the classic arcade games of the early 1980s were ported to the Atari 8-bit computers. These ports were often very faithful to the original arcade games, and they allowed gamers to experience the excitement of arcade gaming in their own homes.

The Legacy of the Atari 8-Bit Computers

The Atari 8-bit computers were discontinued in 1992, but they continue to have a strong following today. There are a number of active Atari 8-bit computer user groups, and there is a large market for Atari 8-bit computer software and hardware.

The Atari 8-bit computers played a major role in the development of the home video game industry. They were the first home computers to offer a wide range of features, and they were used to create a number of classic video games. The Atari 8-bit computers are still fondly remembered by many gamers today, and they continue to inspire and entertain new generations of gamers.

Breakout: How Atari Bit Computers Defined a Generation is the definitive history of the Atari 8-bit computers. This book tells the story of the Atari 8-

bit computers, from their humble beginnings to their lasting legacy. Breakout is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of video games.

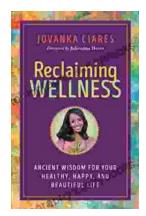


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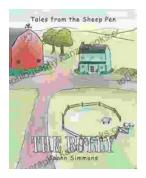
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