# Breakout: How Atari Bit Computers Defined a Generation





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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.

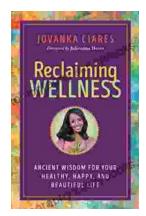


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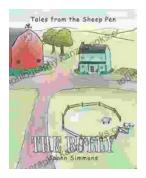
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