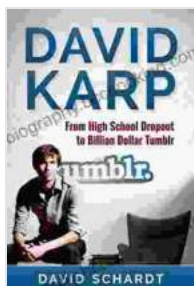


# From High School Dropout to Billion-Dollar Tumblr Webmasters

In a world where conventional wisdom often dictates our paths, there are always those who dare to defy the norm and forge their own unique destinies. The story of David Karp and Marco Arment, the two high school dropouts who went on to create the billion-dollar blogging platform Tumblr, is a testament to the power of dreaming big and never giving up on one's aspirations.



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## The Early Years

David Karp's journey began in a small town in New York State. As a young boy, he was fascinated by computers and spent countless hours exploring the digital realm. By the time he was 15, he had already launched his first website, a simple blog called Davidville.

Marco Arment's path was similar. Growing up in Ontario, Canada, he developed a keen interest in programming and web development. After dropping out of high school, he moved to San Francisco to pursue his dreams of working in the tech industry.

## **The Birth of Tumblr**

In 2007, David Karp and Marco Arment's paths crossed. They met at a small tech conference in New York City and quickly bonded over their shared passion for blogging. Together, they began to envision a new kind of blogging platform that would be more user-friendly and visually appealing than what was available at the time.

They called their new platform Tumblr, and it quickly gained traction among users who were attracted by its minimalist design and ease of use. Within just a few months, Tumblr had become one of the most popular blogging platforms in the world.

## **The Yahoo! Acquisition**

As Tumblr's popularity continued to grow, it caught the attention of some of the biggest names in the tech industry. In 2013, Yahoo! acquired Tumblr for a reported \$1.1 billion. The acquisition was a major milestone for Karp and Arment, but it also presented them with new challenges.

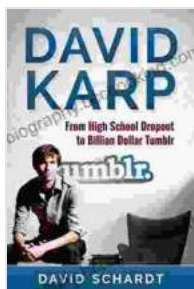
After the acquisition, Karp and Arment remained at Tumblr to oversee its continued growth. However, they were increasingly frustrated by Yahoo!'s management style and its lack of commitment to Tumblr's core values. In 2017, Karp and Arment resigned from Tumblr, leaving behind the company they had built from the ground up.

## **Legacy and Impact**

Despite their departure from Tumblr, David Karp and Marco Arment's legacy continues to inspire countless entrepreneurs and innovators around the world. Their story is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the courage to follow your dreams and never give up on your goals.

Tumblr, the platform they created, continues to be used by millions of people around the world. It has become a global community for sharing ideas, expressing creativity, and connecting with others who share similar interests.

The story of David Karp and Marco Arment is a true testament to the power of human ingenuity and perseverance. From humble beginnings as high school dropouts, they went on to create a billion-dollar empire that has changed the way we communicate and share information online. Their journey is an inspiration to us all, reminding us that anything is possible if we believe in ourselves and never give up on our dreams.



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