

The Soul of a New Machine



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Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award, *The Soul of a New Machine* was a bestseller on its first publication in 1981. With the touch of an expert thriller writer, Tracy Kidder recounts the feverish efforts of a team of Data General researchers to create a new 32-bit superminicomputer. A compelling account of individual sacrifice and human ingenuity, *The Soul of a New Machine* endures as the classic chronicle of the computer age and the masterminds behind its technological advances.

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Tracy Kidder, 美国优秀作家，因为本书获得普利策奖和美国图书奖。他的畅销书包括《House》、《Among Schoolchildren》、《Old Friends》以及《Home Town》。

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书评

从头至尾，写了鹰计算机的艰辛历程，看了挺久的，今天终于是看完了。看到最后不经让人唏嘘，一段传奇的历史，背后默默的付出者又有几人会被记住。实现自己的人生的究竟是什么？自我和金钱。这句话在最后无疑很好的解释了这个故事。

几天前在黑客与画家的评论里看到的这本书，于是买来看了一下
最近还算是比较清闲，花了两天的时间看完了这本书，总体感觉很不错，从这本书里，我们可以看出我们电脑的处理器是怎么诞生的，而且还包括了与它配套的软硬件接口，当然这是那个时代的背景所导致的处理器+OS+SOFT...

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