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The Genesis Book

The story of the people and projects that inspired Bitcoin

Milan, July 31, 2024 — "The Genesis Book: The Story of the People and the Projects that Inspired Bitcoin" by Aaron van Wirdum is one of the best books on Bitcoin, especially for those looking to discover all that preceded and inspired Bitcoin. The author, a journalist and Bitcoin historian, skillfully narrates the complexity and allure of the long journey leading to the creation of Bitcoin, the digital gold created by Satoshi Nakamoto but theorized and prophesied by many over the previous forty years.

Ferdinando Ametrano, CEO of CheckSig, had the opportunity to converse with the author in the [second installment of the CryptoBooks series](#). On this occasion, they discussed "The Genesis Book," Bitcoin, and what motivated van Wirdum to delve into the world of crypto.

Van Wirdum's personal journey of discovering Bitcoin intersected with Ametrano's path in the past. *"Several years ago, when I met you in Milan," the author recalls, "I was already thinking about writing this book, and you suggested that I delve deeper into the economic theories of Hayek and the Austrian School of Economics, which I did, increasingly thoroughly. The Genesis Book was a six-year journey in which I discovered how the idea of a private currency has deep roots, also tracing back to Hayek's suggestion of the denationalization of money."*

The book dedicates significant space to the cypherpunk movement and its culture, forged in the early decades of the internet. According to van Wirdum, this influence is destined to remain: *"Bitcoin is and will remain a cypherpunk technology, free and open-source; its sovereignty belongs to no one."*

The story of Bitcoin's creation is masterfully summarized by the author, highlighting how Bitcoin's success is built on many previous failures. These past failures actually helped Satoshi Nakamoto in his creation: *"He managed to take the best parts of previous projects and fuse them in the best possible way, in a brilliant manner."*

For the future of Bitcoin, the author envisions and hopes for improvements in terms of privacy and scalability. Bitcoin is still a *work in progress* that can be improved and



perfected in various aspects, all while maintaining its core strength: independence and complete, free accessibility.

The full interview with Aaron van Wirdum, the author of "*The Genesis Book: The Story of the People and the Projects that Inspired Bitcoin*," is available on CheckSig's YouTube channel at

youtube.com/watch?v=TVeFVZFhct0&list=PLtlgRmG7i2ynVdOheGMntLjZ7Ca6v9LRz.

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