

## **BOB GILKES**

"I left Microsystems after seven years without having any clear idea of what I would do.

Building a start-up from scratch and launching into Europe had been great fun, despite running into the Unilever head-office bureaucracy, British, French and German, that must have plagued Len all those years.

By chance I was asked to try to turn around a small high-tech startup that was days away from closing down.

In six months it was profitable and sold on to a public company. I had found my niche.

For the rest of my working life I took over failing start-ups, British and American in both Texas and Boston. Two of them were taken to public offerings, one on the London Stock Exchange and the other on NASDAQ.

Along the way I moved to the south of France and wrote a novel (CROFT, on Amazon still) and have just finished a second and started a third.

Too much travel led to too many marriages, so now I'm an ancient bachelor living in Suffolk, and still writing."

Bob

