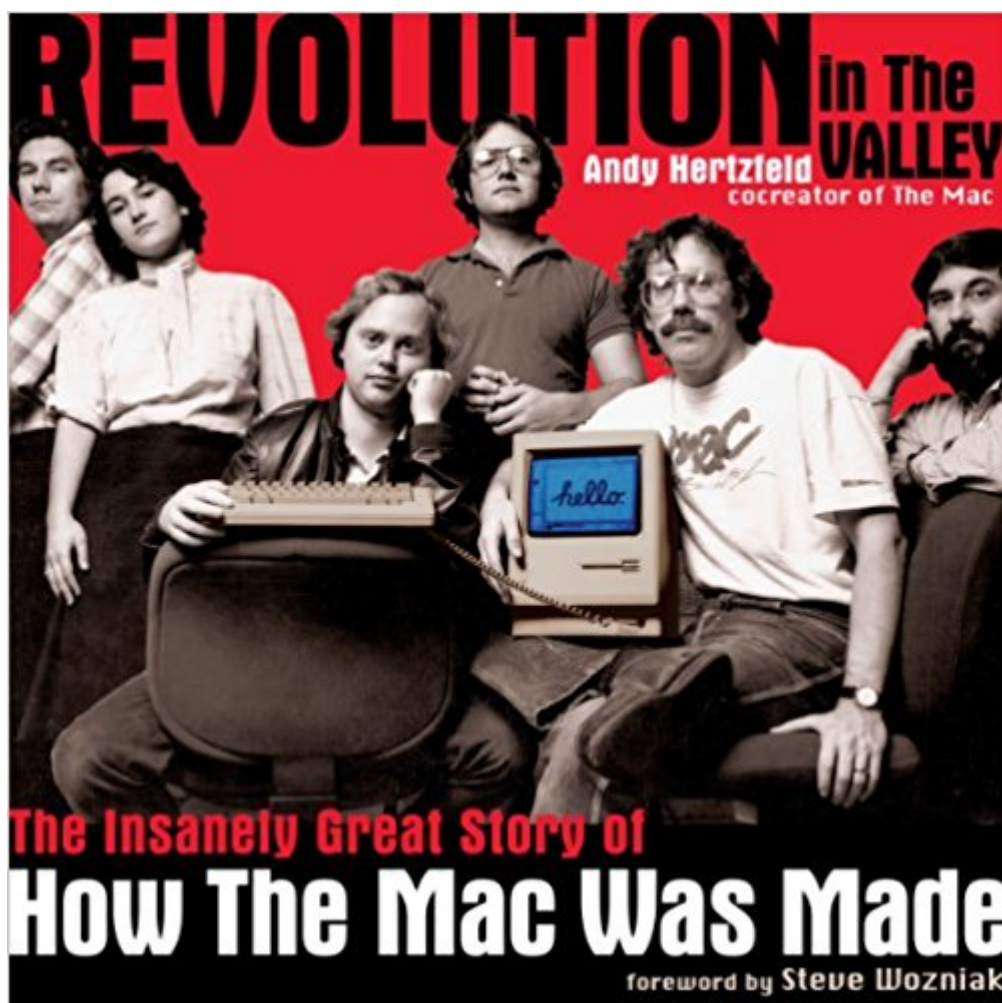


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Revolution In The Valley [Paperback]: The Insanely Great Story Of How The Mac Was Made



Synopsis

There was a time, not too long ago, when the typewriter and notebook ruled, and the computer as an everyday tool was simply a vision. Revolution in the Valley traces this vision back to its earliest roots: the hallways and backrooms of Apple, where the groundbreaking Macintosh computer was born. The book traces the development of the Macintosh, from its inception as an underground skunkworks project in 1979 to its triumphant introduction in 1984 and beyond. The stories in Revolution in the Valley come on extremely good authority. That's because author Andy Hertzfeld was a core member of the team that built the Macintosh system software, and a key creator of the Mac's radically new user interface software. One of the chosen few who worked with the mercurial Steve Jobs, you might call him the ultimate insider. When Revolution in the Valley begins, Hertzfeld is working on Apple's first attempt at a low-cost, consumer-oriented computer: the Apple II. He sees that Steve Jobs is luring some of the company's most brilliant innovators to work on a tiny research effort the Macintosh. Hertzfeld manages to make his way onto the Macintosh research team, and the rest is history. Through lavish illustrations, period photos, and Hertzfeld's vivid first-hand accounts, Revolution in the Valley reveals what it was like to be there at the birth of the personal computer revolution. The story comes to life through the book's portrait of the talented and often eccentric characters who made up the Macintosh team. Now, over 20 years later, millions of people are benefiting from the technical achievements of this determined and brilliant group of people.

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I really enjoyed this book. It has a friendly style. It is not self-serving or snobbish. I liked the technical details as well.

This is a great book, well worth the price. The majority of stories can be found at the folklore.org site, but there are some good photos and being on the Kindle makes it easy to read if you're on a plane.

I had an Apple IIC as a kid. It was one of my most fascinating items. I have seen pirates of silicon valley, read iWoz and the steve jobs biography ...I seem to be able to cram in more early Apple stories I guess because it reminds me of my childhood. anyway this one has been my favorite. its quite complete and believable. my only complaint is that it gets a bit self congratulatory at spots...c'mon how many times can we read brilliant and single handedly in one page?? but it's not nearly as bad as iwoz in this regard. on the whole it's a delightfull collection of inspiring, humorous and insane stories from a team that created many great things. works very well with coffee!

It was good especially in the beginning later on I had to see him and then by the end it was tolerable. I wanted to read it because I'm a technical writer and interested in the computer industry

It is amazing to know how a team of few talented people at Apple did the work which shaped the way we used the technology the last 30 years, creating the first widespread computers with graphical interface, turning the computer more friendly and accessible to the average, non technical user, changing all aspects of the our lives(economy, relationships, communications, commerce....).This book is a collection of experiences of the people responsible for the development of Classic Macintosh.The stories on the book contextualize the technical and human challenges found on the journey to develop the first Macintosh, bringing us lots of inside information

by the perspective of people who worked on this endeavor. The hard cover edition I bought is very nice, with a high quality paper and I'm proud to have it on my library.

Perhaps the greatest book about the making of the original Macintosh. Wonderful brief stories and anecdotes by the teams that made it happen. I've given many of these as gifts to Apple-loving friends.

This book is phenomenal, and really took me more inside of the actual development of the Macintosh than any other book I have read. It is told by Andy Hertzfeld who was on the original team, and brought in just as Jef Raskin was pushed aside by Steve Jobs who saw this as the future of the company. It is told in a series of fairly chronological anecdotes that really bring a clear picture of the entire development of the original Mac, from its origin as a sort of skunkworks to it becoming so large it had to have managers that actually forced many of the original and most talented members of the Macintosh team to leave Apple and move on to working elsewhere. And it ends with Steve Jobs ousted from the Company by John Sculley from Pepsi who Jobs had brought in (Sculley would bring Apple to the point of collapse and made a deal with Microsoft that allowed them to make WINDOWS and force Macintosh into the small portion of users that it has today). The book also has wonderful photos of the people involved as well as printouts and photos of the early development of the programs and GUI for the Macintosh. If you are a Mac-head run out and get this book right now!!!

Great Book. Fast and fun read. Now I know why my 128K Mac that I purchased in 1984 sometimes behaved as it did (sometimes asking for +/- 20 disk swaps). Lots of fun stories about the Mac SW team and how they dealt with Steve. However I must say that reading this book on a Kindle Paperwhite was a problem. Many of the pictures and graphics were very hard to see no matter what I did (zooming, light level, etc.) Get the hardcover or paperback instead.

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