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[Understanding Silicon Valley](#)

An intimate, eye-opening portrait of San Francisco transformed by the tech boom. San Francisco is changing at warp speed. Famously home to artists and activists, and known as the birthplace of the Beats, the Black Panthers, and the LGBTQ movement, in recent decades the Bay Area has been reshaped by Valley, the engine of the new American economy. The richer the region gets, the more unequal and less diverse it becomes, and cracks in the city's facade gentrification, an epidemic of evictions, rising crime, atrophied public institutions—have started to show. Inspired by Studs Terkel's classic works of oral history, writer and filmmaker Cary McClelland spent several years interviewing people at the epicenter of the recent change, from venture capitalists and coders to politicians and protesters, from native sons and daughters to the city's newest arrivals. The crisp and vivid stories of Silicon City's diverse cast capture San Francisco as never before. The book opens with a longtime tour guide recounting the history of the original Gold Rush and observing how little the people of the city pay attention to its history; it ends on Fisherman's Wharf, with the proprietor of an arcade game museum reminding us that even today's technology is the relic of the past. In between we hear from people who have passed through Apple, Google, eBay, Intel, and the other big tech companies of our time: we meet those who are experiencing the changes at the grassroots level: a homeless advocate in Haight-Ashbury, an Oakland rapper, a pawnbroker in the East Bay, a man who helped dismantle and rebuild the Bay Bridge, and a woman who runs a tattoo parlor in the Castro. Silicon City masterfully weaves together a conversation across a divided community to create a dynamic portrait of a beloved city—and a cautionary tale for the entire country.

[Silicon City: San Francisco in the Long Shadow of the Valley](#)

When she was three, Alena's activist mother died. She's been raised by her half-brother and his boyfriend in East London, which is being targeted by a lone bomber. Alena desperately wants to know about her mother, but her brother won't tell her anything. Alena's played by the rules all her life, but that's over now. She starts digging up information herself and does something that costs her brother his job and puts the family in jeopardy. Alena discovers she can be a troublemaker—just like her mother. Now she must figure out what sort of trouble she's willing to get into to find out the truth.

[In the Plex](#)

"A fascinating, thought-provoking, hilarious, and sometimes harrowing account of current work culture."---Gretchen Rubin, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Happiness Project* Why do so many people hate their jobs? Lab Rats is a groundbreaking, examination of how the half-baked ideas of Silicon Valley "new oligarchs" have changed the way we work, damaged our brains, and left us poorer and insecure. After publishing *Disrupted*, his bestselling memoir of his disastrous experience working for a young tech company, Dan Lyons watched, astonished, as hundreds of readers wrote to him with their own harrowing stories of discrimination on the job, fear-mongering managers, and companies denigrating employees in pursuit of quick profit. The problems he had identified in the workplace, Lyons realized, are infecting virtually every kind of job in America--at a time when companies are giving more lip service than ever about happy employees. What happened to work? Who is responsible? And does any company have a model for doing it right? As Lyons ventured across America in pursuit of answers, he came to identify "Four Factors," a series of ideas that have broken the social contract that once existed between companies and their employees: new, often dystopian notions about work have made millions subject to constant change, dehumanizing technologies, and even health risks. A few companies, however, get it right. With *Lab Rats*, Lyons makes a passionate plea for business leaders to understand this dangerous transformation and offers a way to approach work and business that puts people first, profitably serves customers, and makes the world a little bit better in the process" (Tom Peters, *1001*, Times bestselling author of *In Search of Excellence*).

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Literary Nonfiction. A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF SILICON VALLEY follows the history of the people exploited, displaced, and made obsolete by the tech industry from the colonization of the Bay Area to the present day. From the first Macintosh to the rise of social media, A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF SILICON VALLEY pulls back the curtain on an industry that brands itself as visionary yet which may be chipping away at the foundations of society, including our democratic institutions.

[Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber](#)

A great technological and scientific innovation of the last half of the 20th century, the computer has revolutionised how we organise information, how we communicate with each other, and the way we think about the human mind. This book offers a short history of this dynamic technology, covering its development since ancient times.

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Sharp, dramatic, and full of insider dish, SOPHIA OF SILICON VALLEY is one woman's story of a career storming the corridors of geek power and living in the shadow of its outrageous cast of maestros. During the heady years of the tech boom, incorrigibly frank Sophia Young lucks into a job that puts her direct path of Scott Kraft, the eccentric CEO of Treehouse, a studio whose animated films are transforming movies forever. Overnight, Sophia becomes an unlikely whisperer. Whether her success is due to dumb luck, savage assertiveness, insightful finesse (learned by dealing with her irrational Chinese immigrant mother), a combination of all three, in her rarified position she finds she can truly shine. As Scott Kraft's right-hand woman, whip-smart Sophia is in the eye of the storm, sometimes floundering, sometimes nearly losing relationships and her health, but ultimately learning what it means to take charge of her own future the way the men around her do. But when engineer/inventor Andre Stark hires her to run his company's investor relations, Sophia discovers that the big paycheck and status career she's created for herself may not be worth living in the toxic environment of a boys-club gone bad.

[Global Risk Agility and Decision Making](#)

This gripping narrative explores today's scientific pursuit of immortality, with exclusive visits inside Silicon Valley labs and interviews with the visionaries who believe we will soon crack into the aging process and cure death. We live in an age when billionaires are betting their fortunes on laboratory advances to delay aging unnecessary and death a disease that can be cured. Researchers are delving into the mysteries of stem cells and the human genome, discovering

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means to grow old and how to keep those processes from happening. This isn't science fiction; it's real, it's serious, and it's on track to revolutionize our view of life and mortality. In *Immortality*, Inc., veteran science journalist Chip Walter gains exclusive access to the champions of this radical cause, delivering a narrative that brings together for the first time the visions of molecular biologist and Apple chairman Arthur Levinson, genomics entrepreneur Craig Venter, futurist Kurzweil, rejuvenation trailblazer Aubrey de Grey, and stem cell expert Robert Hariri. Along the way, Walter weaves in fascinating conversations about life, aging, and the future of the human race.

[Silicon Valley](#)

This text explores the factors that have made Silicon Valley such a fertile breeding ground for new technologies and new firms. It looks at how its pioneering achievements began and the forces that have propelled its unprecedented growth.

[A History of Silicon Valley](#)

Silicon Valley has a lingo of its own -- from unicorns to pivoting to growth hacking -- that while colorful can also be rather opaque. This is the definitive guide to the unique words used in the Bay Area startup scene, helping everyone from people who want to do business here to those who just want to watch the Valley without being confused. It's designed to be thorough and accurate while including a touch of humor (because face it, the way people talk in Silicon Valley can often be a bit ridiculous). If you've wanted a way to break into the exciting conversation that is happening in Silicon Valley, this book is for you. Or if you're already in Silicon Valley, you may become frustrated when your colleagues in other places just don't "get" how things are done here and wish you had a primer to give them. You may be familiar with some of the terms, but wish that you had a deeper understanding, so that you could use them with more confidence. Valley Speak features the top 100 Silicon Valley words and phrases and will help anyone navigate the Silicon Valley ecosystem like a pro.

[The Wax Pack](#)

Modern men are experiencing unprecedented levels of angst and anxiety. We're frustrated, stressed, burned out, and bored. We turn to work and wealth for distraction, alcohol and drugs and pornography. But none of it works. Because only one thing will bring us the joy, peace, purpose, and significance we seek: a relationship with the God of heaven. An intimate relationship, one that is real and true. But for that kind of relationship, we must embark on a journey to encounter Him personally. In his new book *Odyssey*, Justin Camp offers a practical, scriptural field guide for men who are ready to walk this ancient path. The book is built around six short biographies, real-life stories of great American astronauts. These nano-histories will engage readers' curiosity and inspire them to undertake epic quests of their own. This book is for scouts and prospectors, for explorers and pilgrims. It is for men who want to experience more and do more than any of us ever thought possible.

[The Know-It-Alls](#)

"Traces the story of Uber's rapid growth from its murky origins to its plans for expansion into radically different industries. The company is fighting local competitors and lawmakers for markets around the world; it has already faced riots and protests in cities like Paris, Rio de Janeiro, and Mumbai. It fought a lost, an expensive and grueling battle against rival Didi in China. Uber has also poached entire departments from top research universities in a push to build its first self-driving car and possibly replace the very drivers it's worked so hard to recruit. Uber is in the headlines every day, but so much about its past and future plans are still unknown to the public"--

[Valley Speak](#)

The story of the U.S. Department of Defense's extraordinary effort, in the period from 1983 to 1993, to achieve machine intelligence. This is the story of an extraordinary effort by the U.S. Department of Defense to hasten the advent of machines that think. From 1983 to 1993, the Defense Advanced Research Agency (DARPA) spent an extra \$1 billion on computer research aimed at achieving artificial intelligence. The Strategic Computing Initiative (SCI) was conceived as an integrated plan to promote computer chip design and manufacture, computer architecture, and artificial intelligence software. What distinguished the other large-scale technology programs was that it self-consciously set out to advance an entire research front. The SCI succeeded in fostering significant technological successes, even though it never achieved machine intelligence. The goal provided a powerful organizing principle for a suite of related research programs, but it did not solve the problem of coordinating these programs. In retrospect, it is hard to see how it could have. In *Strategic Computing*, Alex and Philip Shiman uncover the roles played in the SCI by technology, individuals, and social and political forces. They explore DARPA culture, especially the information processing culture within the agency, and they evaluate the SCI's accomplishments and set them in the context of overall computer development in this period. Their book is an important contribution to our understanding of the complex sources of contemporary computing.

[Wild Ride](#)

Acclaimed historian Leslie Berlin's "deeply researched and dramatic narrative of Silicon Valley's early years...is a meticulously told...compelling history" (The New York Times) of the men and women who chased innovation, and ended up changing the world. *Troublemakers* is the gripping tale of seven exceptional men and women, pioneers of Silicon Valley in the 1970s and early 1980s. Together, they worked across generations, industries, and companies to bring tech from Pentagon offices and university laboratories to the rest of us. In doing so, they changed the world. "In this vigorous account...a sturdy, skillfully constructed" (Kirkus Reviews), historian Leslie Berlin introduces the people and stories behind the birth of the Internet and the microprocessor, as well as Apple, Atari, Genentech, Xerox PARC, ROLM, ASK, and the iconic venture capital firms Sequoia Capital and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. In the space of only seven years, five major industries—personal computing, video games, biotechnology, modern venture capital, and advanced semiconductor logic—were born. "There is much to learn from Berlin's account, particularly that Silicon Valley has long provided the backdrop where technology, elite education, institutional capital, and entrepreneurship collide with incredible force" (The Christian Science Monitor). Featured among well-known Silicon Valley innovators are Mike Markkula, the underappreciated chairman of Apple who owned one-third of the company; Bob Taylor, who masterminded the personal computer; software entrepreneur Kurtzig, the first woman to take a technology company public; Bob Swanson, the cofounder of Genentech; Al Alcorn, the Atari engineer behind the first home video game; Fawn Alvarez, who rose from the factory line to the executive suite; and Niels Reimers, the Stanford administrator who changed how university innovations reach the public. Together, these troublemakers rewrote the rules and invented the future.

[Burn Rate](#)

This book is the first history of Silicon Valley from 1900 to 2013. It is a comprehensive study of the greatest creation of wealth in the history of the planet: a chronological narrative covering a century of innovation and entrepreneurship, from the establishment of Stanford University to the age of Google and Facebook. A group of case studies describes innovations and narratives about radio, the US defense industry, HP, microchips, Fairchild Semiconductor and Intel, venture capital, Xerox PARC, software, Apple Computer, and the internet. Silicon Valley did not happen in a vacuum: this book also explores the surrounding social and cultural environment of the Bay Area.

[From Gutenberg to Google](#)

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Standup comic, actor and fan favorite from HBO's Silicon Valley and the film Crazy Rich Asians shares his memoir of growing up as a Chinese immigrant in California and making it in Hollywood. "I turned down a job in finance to pursue a career in stand-up comedy. My dad thought I was crazy. But I figured it better to disappoint my parents for a few years than to disappoint myself for the rest of my life. I had to disappoint them in order to pursue what I loved the only way to have my Chinese turnip cake and eat an American apple pie too." Jimmy O. Yang is a standup comedian, film and TV actor and fan favorite character Jian Yang from the popular HBO series Silicon Valley. In How to American, he shares his story of growing up as a Chinese immigrant who pursued a Hollywood career against the wishes of his parents: Yang arrived in Los Angeles from Hong Kong at age 13, learned English by watching BET RapCity for hours a day, and worked as a strip club DJ while pursuing his comedy career. He chronicles a near deportation episode during a college trip Tijuana to finally becoming a proud US citizen ten years later. Featuring those and many other hilarious stories, while sharing some hard-earned lessons, How to American stereotypes while offering tongue in cheek advice on pursuing the American dreams of fame, fortune, and strippers.

[Reset](#)

Network revolutions of the past have shaped the present and set the stage for the revolution we are experiencing today. In an era of seemingly instant and easy to think that today's revolutions—in communications, business, and many areas of daily life—are unprecedented. Today's changes may be new and are happening faster than ever before. But our ancestors at times were just as bewildered by rapid upheavals in what we now call "networks"—the physical and digital that bind any society together. In this fascinating book, former FCC chairman Tom Wheeler brings to life the two great network revolutions of the past and our help put in perspective the confusion, uncertainty, and even excitement most people face today. The first big network revolution was the invention of mass printing in the fifteenth century. This book, its millions of predecessors, and even such broad trends as the Reformation, the Renaissance, and the multiple revolutions of the past 500 years would not have been possible without that one invention. The second revolution came with the invention of the telegraph in the nineteenth century. Never before had people been able to communicate over long distances faster than a horse could travel. Along with the development of the world's first high-speed network—the railroad—the telegraph ended centuries of stability and literally redrew the map of the world. Wheeler puts these revolutions into the perspective of today, when rapid-fire changes in networking are upending the nature of work, personal privacy, education, the media, and nearly every other aspect of modern life. But he doesn't leave it there. Outlining "What's Next," he describes how artificial intelligence, virtual reality, blockchain, and the need for cybersecurity are laying the foundation for a third network revolution.

[Odyssey](#)

****THE FINANCIAL TIMES BUSINESS BOOK OF THE MONTH** THE GRIPPING TALE OF THE EARLY FRONTIER DAYS OF SILICON VALLEY FROM ACCLAIMED HISTORIAN LESLIE BERLIN.** "The book is compelling as it maps out the building of the Valley, the challenges its early tech pioneers faced, as well as highlighting those who reached dizzying success only to suffer as the dot com bubble burst." Financial Times "Kaleidoscopic, ambitious, and brilliant, the book draws on a dazzling cast of characters to chart the rise of the five industries that have come to define technology today and, collectively, to remake the world." The New York Times "Schmidt, former CEO of Google and Executive Chairman of Alphabet, Inc. Leslie Berlin's previous work has been acclaimed by the New York Times: 'so engagingly narrated that you don't realize how much business and technology you are learning along the way.' Between 1968 and 1976, five landmark events that shaped the modern world were launched within 30 miles of each other: personal computing, video games, biotechnology, modern venture capital and advanced semi-conductor logic. The dominant players in many of those industries - firms like Apple and Intel - had also been launched at the same time. Those early days of Silicon Valley, the first ARPANET transmission (now known as the Internet) came into a Stanford lab, universities began licensing innovations to businesses, and the Silicon Valley tech community began to develop their lobbying club. Now, for the first time, the stories of the men and women who shaped the world during these pivotal years are brought to life in rich detail by respected Silicon Valley historian Leslie Berlin. Berlin shines a light on the wild frontier days of Silicon Valley where the old rules were broken, revealing how the modern tech world was built and empires were forged. Troublemakers is a comprehensive history of the upstarts of Silicon Valley that will appeal to fans of HBO's Silicon Valley and Walter Isaacson's biography of Steve Jobs. Further praise for Troublemakers: "Leslie Berlin combines the keen observations of an historian with gorgeous writing and riveting storytelling to write the landmark book of Silicon Valley. The interwoven lives of wonderfully iconoclastic characters bring the formative years of the Valley to life with sheer brilliance. Troublemakers is a must-read for anyone hoping to understand America's tech capital." Julia Flynn Siler, New York Times bestselling author of The House of Mondavi "Leslie Berlin has done it again. Following on her richly informative biography of Intel co-founder Robert Noyce, The Man Behind the Microchip, Berlin now brings us a definitive account of Silicon Valley's "breakthrough years" in the 1970s. Troublemakers recounts the fascinating careers of seven little-known but enormously important players who shaped the Valley's unique high-tech ecosystem. As entertaining as it is authoritative, Troublemakers is required reading for anyone seeking to understand how the tech revolution took root in the San Francisco Bay Area and eventually transformed the entire planet's way of life." David M. Kennedy, Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History Emeritus at Stanford University, winner of the Pulitzer Prize

[As Time Goes By](#)

"This is the most important book on Silicon Valley I've read in two decades. It will take us all back to our roots in the counterculture, and will remind us of the nature of the innovation process, before we tried to tame it with slogans and buzzwords." -- Po Bronson, #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Mother and the Late Shift and NurtureShock A candid, colorful, and comprehensive oral history that reveals the secrets of Silicon Valley -- from the origins of Apple and the present day clashes of Google and Facebook, and all the start-ups and disruptions that happened along the way. Rarely has one economy asserted its power so swiftly--and as aggressively--as the entity we now know as Silicon Valley. Built with a seemingly permanent culture of reinvention, Silicon Valley does not change; it embraces it, and now powers the American economy and global innovation. So how did this omnipotent and ever-morphing place come to be? By planning. It was, like many an empire before it, part luck, part timing, and part ambition. And part pure, unbridled genius. Drawing on over two hundred in-depth interviews, Valley of Genius takes readers from the dawn of the personal computer and the internet, through the heyday of the web, up to the very present when our current technological reality was invented. It interweaves accounts of invention and betrayal, overnight success and underground exploits, to tell the story of Silicon Valley like it has never been told before. Read it to discover the stories that Valley insiders tell each other: the tall tales that are all, in truth, true.

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Included in Backchannel's (WIRED.com) "Top Tech Books of 2017" An "important" book on the "pervasive influence of Silicon Valley on our economy, culture, and politics." —New York Times How the titans of tech's embrace of economic disruption and a rampant libertarian ideology is fracturing America and making it a meaner place. In The Know-It-Alls former New York Times technology columnist Noam Cohen chronicles the rise of Silicon Valley as a political and intellectual force in American life. Beginning nearly a century ago and showcasing the role of Stanford University as the incubator of this new class of super geeks, Cohen shows how smart guys like Jeff Bezos, Peter Thiel, Sergey Brin, Larry Page, and Mark Zuckerberg fell in love with a radically individualistic ideal and then mainstreamed it. With these very rich men leading the way, unions, libraries, public schools, common courtesy, and even government itself have been pushed to make way for supposedly efficient market-based encounters via the Internet. Donald Trump's election victory was an inadvertent triumph of the "disruption" that Silicon Valley has been pushing: Facebook and Twitter, eager to entertain their users, turned a blind eye to the fake news and the hateful ideas proliferating there. The Rust Belt states that shifted to Trump are the ones being left behind by a "meritocratic" Silicon Valley ideology that promotes an economy of words. LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman, each of us is our own start-up. A society that belittles civility, empathy, and collaboration can easily be led astray. Know-It-Alls explains how these self-proclaimed geniuses failed this most important test of democracy.

[Where Wizards Stay Up Late](#)

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"The most interesting book ever written about Google" (The Washington Post) delivers the inside story behind the most successful and admired technology company of our time, now updated with a new Afterword. Google is arguably the most important company in the world today, with such pervasive influence that its name is a verb. The company founded by two Stanford graduate students—Larry Page and Sergey Brin—has become a tech giant known the world over, starting with its search engine. Google has moved into mobile phones, computer operating systems, power utilities, self-driving cars, all while remaining a powerful company in the advertising business. Granted unprecedented access to the company, Levy disclosed that the key to Google's success in all the businesses lay in its engineering mindset and adoption of certain internet values such as speed, openness, experimentation, and risk-taking. Levy disclosed behind Google's relationship with China, including how Brin disagreed with his colleagues on the China strategy—and why its social networking initiative was the first time Google tried chasing a successful competitor. He examines Google's rocky relationship with government regulators, particularly in the EU, and how it has responded when employees left the company for smaller, nimbler start-ups. In the Plex is the "most authoritative...and in many ways the most enigmatic" (James Gleick, The New York Book Review) account of Google to date and offers "an instructive primer on how the minds behind the world's most influential internet company function" (Richard Waters, The Wall Street Journal).

[Computers](#)

The rags-to-riches story of Silicon Valley's original disruptor. American Disruptor is the untold story of Leland Stanford - from his birth in a backwoods backcountry town to the founding of the world-class university that became and remains the nucleus of Silicon Valley. The life of this robber baron, politician, and historic influence is an astonishing tale of how one supremely ambitious man became this country's original "disruptor" - reshaping industry and engineering one of the greatest public treasuries for America's transcontinental railroad, all while living more opulently than maharajahs, kings, and emperors. It is also the saga of how Stanford, once a serial failure, overcame all obstacles to become one of America's most powerful and wealthiest men, using his high elective office to end himself before losing the one thing that mattered most to him--his only child and son. Scandal and intrigue would follow Stanford through his life, and at his death, when his widow was murdered in a Honolulu hotel--a crime quickly covered up by the almost stillborn university she had saved. Richly detailed and deeply researched, American Disruptor restores Leland Stanford's rightful place as a revolutionary force and architect of modern America.

[The House of Mondavi](#)

The triumphs and setbacks of inventor and entrepreneur Robert Noyce are illuminated in a biography that describes his colorful life in context of the evolution of the high-tech industry and the complex interrelationships among technology, business, big money, politics, and culture in Silicon Valley.

[Lab Rats](#)

In China, university students use the Internet to save the life of an attempted murder victim. In Cuba, authorities unsuccessfully try to silence an online sowing seeds of distrust in her marriage. And in Russia, a lone blogger rises to become one of the most prominent opposition figures since the fall of the Union. Authoritarian governments try to isolate individuals from one another, but in the age of social media freedom of speech is impossible to contain. Citizens discover that they are not alone. As one blogger put it, "Now I know who my comrades are." In her groundbreaking book, Now I Know Who My Comrades Are: Voices from the Internet Underground, Emily Parker, formerly a State Department policy advisor, writer at The Wall Street Journal and editor at The New York Times, provides on-the-ground accounts of how the Internet is transforming lives in China, Cuba, and Russia. It's a new phenomenon, but one that's brought about significant political change. In 2011 ordinary Egyptians, many armed with little more than mobile phones, helped topple a thirty-year-old dictatorship. It was an extraordinary moment in modern history—and Now I Know Who My Comrades Are takes us beyond the Middle East to the next frontiers battles between the Internet and state control. Star dissidents such as Cuba's Yoani Sánchez and China's Ai Weiwei are profiled. Here you'll also find known bloggers, as well as the back-stories of Internet activism celebrities. Parker charts the rise of Russia's Alexey Navalny from ordinary blogger to one of the greatest threats to Vladimir Putin's regime. This book introduces us to an army of bloggers and tweeters—generals and foot soldiers alike. These activists code to outsmart censors and launch online campaigns to get their friends out of jail. They refuse to be intimidated by surveillance cameras or citizen informants. Even as they navigate the risks of authoritarian life, they feel free. Now I Know Who My Comrades Are is their story.

[Lurking](#)

Twenty five years ago, it didn't exist. Today, twenty million people worldwide are surfing the Net. Where Wizards Stay Up Late is the exciting story of the responsible for creating the most talked about, most influential, and most far-reaching communications breakthrough since the invention of the telephone. In 1960's, when computers were regarded as mere giant calculators, J.C.R. Licklider at MIT saw them as the ultimate communications devices. With Defense Department funds, he and a band of visionary computer whizzes began work on a nationwide, interlocking network of computers. Taking readers behind the scenes, Where Wizards Stay Up Late captures the hard work, genius, and happy accidents of their daring, stunningly successful venture.

[The Baby Maker](#)

In the bestselling tradition of The Soul of a New Machine, Dealers of Lightning is a fascinating journey of intellectual creation. In the 1970s and '80s, Xerox Corporation brought together a brain-trust of engineering geniuses, a group of computer eccentrics dubbed PARC. This brilliant group created several monumental innovations that triggered a technological revolution, including the first personal computer, the laser printer, and the graphical interface (one of the main precursors of the Internet), only to see these breakthroughs rejected by the corporation. Yet, instead of giving up, these determined inventors turned their ideas into empires that radically altered contemporary life and changed the world. Based on extensive interviews with the scientists, engineers, administrators, and executives who lived the story, this riveting chronicle details PARC's humble beginnings through its triumph as a hothouse for ideas, and shows why Xerox never able to grasp, and ultimately exploit, the cutting-edge innovations PARC delivered. Dealers of Lightning offers an unprecedented look at the ideas, the inventions, and the individuals that propelled Xerox PARC to the frontier of technology--and the corporate machinations that almost prevented it from greatness.

[Little Bets](#)

A narrative history of the Silicon Valley generation that launched five major high-tech industries in seven years details the specific contributions of several pioneers and how they established the foundation for today's tech-driven world.

[How to American](#)

Is there life after baseball? Starting from this simple question, The Wax Pack ends up with something much bigger and unexpected—a meditation on the innocence and the gift of impermanence, for both Brad Balukjian and the former ballplayers he tracked down. To get a truly random sample of players, Brad followed this wildly absurd but fun-as-hell premise: he took a single pack of baseball cards from 1986 (the first year he collected cards), opened it, chose a nearly thirty-year-old gum inside, gagged, and then embarked on a quest to find all the players in the pack. Absurd, maybe, but true. He took this trip solo over the summer of 2015, spanning 11,341 miles through thirty states in forty-eight days. Balukjian actively engaged with his subjects—taking a hitting lesson from Mulliniks, watching kung fu movies with Garry Templeton, and going to the zoo with Don Carman. In the process of finding all the players but one, he discovered an astonishing range of experiences and untold stories in their post-baseball lives, and he realized that we all have more in common with ballplayers than

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While crisscrossing the country, Balukjian retraced his own past, reconnecting with lost loves and coming to terms with his lifelong battle with obsessive compulsive disorder. Alternately elegiac and uplifting, *The Wax Pack* is part baseball nostalgia, part road trip travelogue, and all heart, a reminder that greatness is not found in the stats on the backs of baseball cards but in the personal stories of the men on the front of them.

[The Last Man Who Knew Everything](#)

"An enthusiastic, example-rich account for innovating in a particular way—by deliberately experimenting and taking small exploratory steps in novel directions. Light, bright, and packed with tidy anecdotes" (The Wall Street Journal). What do Apple CEO Steve Jobs, comedian Chris Rock, prize-winning architect Frank Gehry, and the story developers at Pixar films all have in common? Bestselling author Peter Sims found that rather than start with a big idea or plan a project in advance, they make a methodical series of little bets, learning critical information from lots of little failures and from small but significant wins. Reporting on a fascinating range of research, from the psychology of creative blocks to the influential field of design thinking, Sims offers engaging and illuminating accounts of breakthrough innovators at work, and a whole new way of thinking about how to navigate uncertain situations and unleash our creative powers.

[It's About Damn Time](#)

"A hero's tale of what's possible when we unlock our potential, continue the search for knowledge, and draw on our lived experiences to guide us through our darkest moments."—Stacey Abrams From a black, gay woman who broke into the boys' club of Silicon Valley comes an empowering guide to finding your working your way into any room you want to be in, and achieving your own dreams. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY FORTUNE In 2015 Arlan Hamilton was on food stamps and sleeping on the floor of the San Francisco airport, with nothing but an old laptop and a dream of breaking into the capital business. She couldn't understand why people starting companies all looked the same (white and male), and she wanted the chance to invest in it and people who didn't conform to this image of how a founder is supposed to look. Hamilton had no contacts or network in Silicon Valley, no background in finance—not even a college degree. What she did have was fierce determination and the will to succeed. As much as we wish it weren't so, we still live where being underrepresented often means being underestimated. But as someone who makes her living investing in high-potential founders who also happen to be female, LGBTQ, or people of color, Hamilton understands that being undervalued simply means that a big upside exists. Because even if you have to work hard to get to the starting line, she says, once you are on a level playing field, you will sprint ahead. Despite what society would have you believe, Hamilton, a privileged background, an influential network, and a fancy college degree are not prerequisites for success. Here she shares the hard-won wisdom she's picked up on her remarkable journey from food-stamp recipient to venture capitalist, with lessons like "The Best Music Comes from the Worst Breakups," "Let S*** Shorter Stand in Front of You," "The Dangers of Hustle Porn," and "Don't Let Anyone Drink Your Diet Coke." Along the way, she inspires us all to defy other people's expectations and to become the role models we've been looking for. Praise for *It's About Damn Time* "Reading Arlan Hamilton's *It's About Damn Time* is like having a conversation with that frank, bawdy friend who somehow always manages to make you laugh, get a little emo, and, ultimately, think about the world in a different way. . . . The book is warm, witty, and unflinching in its critique of the fake meritocracy that permeates Silicon Valley."—Shondaland

[Valley of Genius](#)

Named one of the best books of the year by NPR, Fortune, Bloomberg, Sunday Times A New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice "If you want to understand modern-day Silicon Valley, you need to read this book." —John Carreyrou, New York Times best-selling author of *Bad Blood* Hailed as the definitive book on Silicon Valley, *Super Pumped* is an epic story of ambition and deception, obscene wealth, and bad behavior that explores how blistering technological financial innovation culminated in one of the most catastrophic twelve-month periods in American corporate history. Backed by billions in venture capital and led by a brash and ambitious founder, Uber promised to revolutionize the way we move people and goods through the world. What followed would be a corporate cautionary tale about the perils of startup culture and a vivid example of how blind worship of startup founders can go wildly wrong.

[American Disruptor](#)

How can we best understand the impact of revolutionary technologies on the business cycle, the economy, and society? Why is economics meaningless history and without an understanding of institutional and technical change? Does the 'new economy' mean the 'end of history'?an we best understand the revolutionary technologies on business organization and the business cycle? These are some of the questions addressed in this authoritative analysis of economic growth from the Industrial Revolution to the 'New Economy' of today. Chris Freeman has been one of the foremost researchers on innovation time and his colleague Francisco Louçã is an outstanding historian of economic theory and an analyst of econometric models and methods. Together the history of five technological revolutions: water-powered mechanization, steam-powered mechanization, electrification, motorization, and computerization, demonstrate the necessity to take account of politics, culture, organizational change, and entrepreneurship, as well as science and technology in the economic growth. This is an well-informed, highly topical, and persuasive study of interest across all the social sciences.

[Troublemakers](#)

A radical educator's paradigm-shifting inquiry into the accepted, normal demands of school, as illuminated by moving portraits of four young "problem children. In this dazzling debut, Carla Shalaby, a former elementary school teacher, explores the everyday lives of four young "troublemakers," challenging the ways we identify and understand so-called problem children. Time and again, we make seemingly endless efforts to moderate, punish, and even medicate our children, we should instead be concerned with transforming the very nature of our institutions, systems, and structures, large and small. Through delicately crafted portraits of these memorable children—Zora, Lucas, Sean, and Marcus—*Troublemakers* allows us to see school through the eyes of those who know firsthand what it is like to be labeled a problem. From Zora's proud individuality to Marcus's open willfulness, from Sean's struggle with authority to Lucas's tenacious imagination, profound insight—for educators and parents alike—into how schools engender, exclude, and then try to erase trouble, right along with the young people making it. And although the harsh disciplining of adolescent behavior has been called out as part of a school-to-prison pipeline, the children we meet in *Troublemakers* demonstrate how a child's path to excessive punishment and exclusion in fact begins at a much younger age. Shalaby's empathetic, discerning, and prose gives us a deeply textured look at what noncompliance signals about the environments we require students to adapt to in our schools. Both urgent and timely, this paradigm-shifting book challenges our typical expectations for young children and with principled affection reveals how these demands—despite good intentions—work to undermine the pursuit of a free and just society.

[Now I Know Who My Comrades Are](#)

Michael Wolff's wickedly funny chronicle of his rags-to-riches-to-rags adventure as a fledgling Internet entrepreneur exposes an industry powered by hype, celebrity, and billions of investment dollars -- and notably devoid of profit-making enterprises. As he describes his efforts to control his company's burn rate and amount of money the company consumes in excess of its income -- Wolff offers a no-holds-barred portrait of unaccountable successes and major disasters, including the story behind *Wired* magazine and its fanatical founder, Louis Rossetto; the rise of Amazon Online, perhaps the most dysfunctional successful company in history, and the humiliating inability of people such as Bill Gates to untangle the intricacies of the Web.

[Valley of the Gods](#)

Online Library Troublemakers Silicon Valley S Coming Of Age

[Strategic Computing](#)

Traces four generations of a Napa Valley wine-making family, from the arrival of Italian immigrant Cesare Mondavi at Ellis Island in 1906, to the scandals rocked the family throughout the twentieth century, to the present-day battle over the family's billion-dollar fortune. First serial, Wall Street Journal.

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