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Piero’s Note:
As a side note to this bibliography, Wikipedia turned out to be the worst possible source. Most of its articles are simply press releases from public-relationship departments, with all the omissions and distortions that they deem appropriate for their business strategies. On the other hand, vintage magazines and newspapers were an invaluable source of information and analysis. If websites like Wikipedia are going to replace the magazines and newspapers of the past, the loss to scholarship will be colossal: the most persistent marketing department (or fan) will decide what information will be available to future generations.

Too many books written about Silicon Valley rely heavily on interviews with the “protagonists” (or presumed such). Having written several “history” books, my experience is that interviews with the protagonists are not (at all) a good way to assess what truly happened. The protagonists generally hold a biased view of the events, and sometimes just don’t remember well (dates, places, names).

More information, a photographic tour and biographies of many individuals mentioned in this book can be found at www.svhistory.com.

Arun’s Note:
Wikipedia was a handy reference pointing to other primary and secondary sources – by itself it was unreliable, especially on startup and corporate history. Much of the literature on Silicon Valley is still in journal and newspaper articles which we consulted, along with a range of relevant books. We present below what is likely the most complete bibliography of primary and secondary research on Silicon Valley. We generally found that the Stanford and UC Berkeley university library systems had everything we needed.
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