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let people know the real Steve. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Like Steve Wozniak talking; an absolute delight to read! By *TUDOR^QUEEN* I began reading this book as a follow-up to the excellent Steve Jobs biography by Walter Isaacson. What a great book this was! Steve Wozniak was the sole engineer who designed/invented the Apple computer, the first personal computer that worked with a keyboard and TV monitor. If you know anything about Steve Wozniak, you know that he is a down-to-earth and very honest regular guy. The wonderful thing about this book is that this is way the book reads and flows. Therefore, it's a very enjoyable and quick read. Steve tells how his father explained engineering principles to him in such a way that he understood them completely and absorbed the information. This became the foundation of his passion and interest in engineering. "The Woz" explains every step in his quest to design a personal computer, since he couldn't afford to buy one. He always kept redesigning this computer on paper, trying to utilize as few chips as possible. In between, we hear about his beloved job at Hewlett-Packard, building a "blue box" (device that makes free long distance phone calls), creating a dial-a-joke service, designing a game for Atari, and inventing the first universal remote. This man is brilliant, and Steve Jobs knew it. Wozniak discusses the working atmosphere at Apple, his marriages, owning a movie theater, funding the US Music Festival, his love of being a father and becoming a computer teacher at his kids' school. This is an excellent book told in an honest and informative fashion. In addition, it is the perfect companion to reading the Steve Jobs book.

A New York Times Bestseller: "iWoz traces the life and times of a brilliant, gifted...individual whose contributions to the scientific, business and cultural realms are extensive." —Bookpage Before slim laptops that fit into briefcases, computers looked like strange, alien vending machines. But in "the most staggering burst of technical invention by a single person in high-tech history" (BusinessWeek) Steve Wozniak invented the first true personal computer. Wozniak teamed up with Steve Jobs, and Apple Computer was born, igniting the computer revolution and transforming the world. In iWoz the mischievous genius with the low profile treats readers to a rollicking, no-holds-barred account of his life —; for once, in the voice of the wizard himself.

Every engineer —; and certainly every engineering student —; should read this book —; . It is, in a nutshell, the engineer's manifesto. -- Guy Kawasaki, author of The Macintosh Way Everyone should enjoy Woz's very personal and engaging story —; . What a wild ride! -- Ray Kurzweil, inventor and author of Singularity Is Near Worth waiting for —; adds intriguing new information to the history of the origins of the personal computer revolution. -- Alan Deutschman, author of The Second Coming of Steve Jobs About the Author Steve Wozniak has been inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame and has received numerous awards, including the National Medal of Technology and the Heinz Award. He lives in California. From AudioFile "Woz," or Steve Wozniak, the eternally optimistic wizard who, along with Steve Jobs, gave birth to Apple Computer, shares his life story in a wide-eyed, positive tone. Patrick Lawlor brings the perfect level of "California nerd cool" to the proceedings, unabashedly funneling Woz's enthusiasm into the recording. One of technology's great rags-to-riches stories (the author is an inveterate practical joker), iWoz provides not only an entertaining, lively memoir but an insightful view of a modern inventor whose mind never stops working. Be prepared for some tech talk that may whiz over your head, but it's never long before the story picks up again. D.J.B. copy; AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine -- Copyright copy; AudioFile, Portland, Maine