

Further Reading

Berlin L., *The Man Behind the Microchip: Robert Noyce and the Invention of Silicon Valley*, Oxford University Press, 2005.

The fascinating biography of Robert Noyce, an inventor of the microchip and founder of Fairchild and Intel. For anyone thinking of working in Silicon Valley, this book gives insights into the culture of the region, a culture influenced more heavily by Noyce than any other individual.

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An insider's tale of the development of several generations of Intel's Pentium chips, told by one of the leaders of the project. For those considering a career in the field, this book offers views into the management of huge design projects and a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most significant commercial microprocessor lines.

Ercegovac M., and Lang T., *Digital Arithmetic*, Morgan Kaufmann, 2003.

The most complete text on computer arithmetic systems. An excellent resource for building high-quality arithmetic units for computers.

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The authoritative text on advanced computer architecture. If you are intrigued about the inner workings of cutting-edge microprocessors, this is the book for you.

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Pedroni V., *Circuit Design and Simulation with VHDL*, 2nd ed., MIT Press, 2010.

A reference showing how to design circuits with VHDL.

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Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) Design is the art and science of building chips containing oodles of transistors. This book, coauthored by one of our favorite writers, spans the field from the beginning through the most advanced techniques used in commercial products.