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## Just a Love Story

*This book is not meant to be history in the strict sense. It is, rather, a story of admiration — written by an engineer and entrepreneur who has spent a lifetime surrounded by circuits, screens, and the quiet hum of computers.*

*I like to think of myself as an apprentice historian, trying to capture — in words and pictures — the love stories behind those companies that made science and technology part of our everyday lives, and, at times, a small part of our hearts.*

*I happily leave the pursuit of precision and scholarly rigor to those far more qualified than I. This aims to be, simply, the Macintosh book for the rest of us.*

# Why This Book

*Apple is not just another computer company. More than anyone else, it transformed technology into something people could desire, love, and even identify with—much like a luxury brand. Users were not only buying a tool; they were buying a vision, a way of life. Apple understood this earlier and better than any competitor.*

*At the heart of this transformation lies the Macintosh. When it was launched in 1984, it was radically different from anything before. With its graphical interface and mouse, it made computing approachable and friendly. What seems obvious today—clicking on icons, dragging files, pointing instead of typing commands—was unheard of back then. The Macintosh not only changed the way people related to technology. The Macintosh forced the entire industry to rethink the way we use computers.*

*This book tells that story. It follows the Macintosh from its beginnings through some of its most significant models, showing not only their technical role but also their cultural impact. Many of these machines can now be appreciated as pieces of industrial design, even modern art.*

*A simple description could never be enough. That is why this book combines history and technical detail with carefully prepared photographs, aiming to show each Macintosh as it truly deserves to be seen.*

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*To my wife  
and my family*