

Book Review

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Uncanny Valley - A memoir
Anna Wiener
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284 pages

Wiener is a contributing writer to The New Yorker. After college she tried for a career in publishing in New York. As this wasn't progressing she tried her luck in Silicon Valley with a tech startup (which was probably Audible). She worked for a couple of other startups and was peripherally involved in the Venture Capital scene. One encounter involved her dismissing the concept of self-driving cars to an engineer who was building them. As a memoir it is fairly narrow in scope. If you are interested in the experiences of a twenty-something year-old female on the fringes of Silicon Valley some five or ten years back this is the book for you. If not; don't bother.