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Bruce Jones became interested in the Apple II computer while attending high school in Pueblo, Colorado. Later, while attending the University of Southern Colorado, Bruce acquired an Apple II Plus with a floppy drive. At this time Bruce began learning about copy protection, primarily how to circumvent it in order to make copies of games and other programs.

After graduating from the University of Southern Colorado, Bruce moved to the Dallas, Texas area to find paying work. He continued to contribute to the Apple II community for several more years, including the *Tome of Copy Protection*. Bruce also wrote a number of articles in *Computist* magazine and others.

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Lane's interest in copy protection began the way it did for most everyone else, trying to make a copy of a game he purchased. This soon led to boot tracing and disassembling every protected disk he could find, as well as most of the disk utilities like *FID*, *Locksmith*, etc. in an effort to learn everything he could about how the Disk II 5.25" drive worked. Today, Lane works at Quicken, Inc. on the macOS version of the industry-leading personal finance software, *Quicken*.

Together

Bruce and Lane attended the University of Southern Colorado. While Lane only attended a semester before dropping out, the two quickly became friends based on their common interest in learning about copy protection on the Apple II. They spent many hours figuring out how to copy the latest program – discovering the inner workings of RWTS, and learning how to create their own disk read/write code.

Eventually this interest turned into a two-year effort to learn, code, and document the copy protection and copying software presented in this book. These were initially written as short "notebooks" which generally covered about a chapter as presented in this book. Some of this knowledge was published in the *Computist* books, but mostly was distributed via hand-printed and collated "notebooks" sent via postal mail and advertised in the back of magazines like *Computist*.

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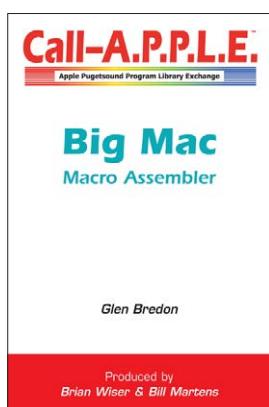
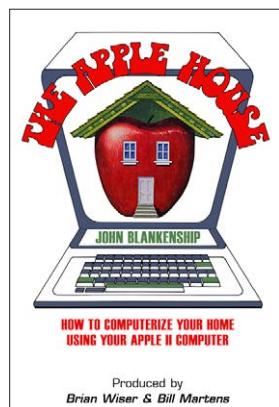
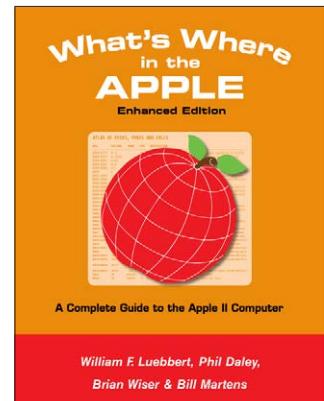
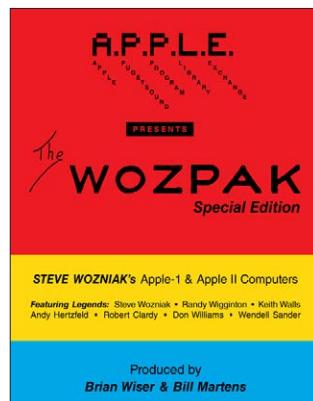
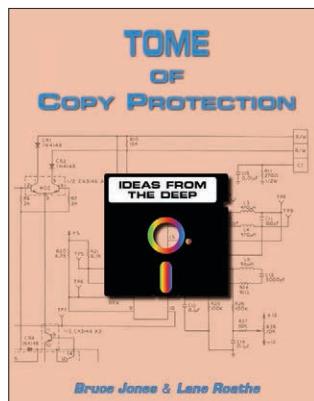
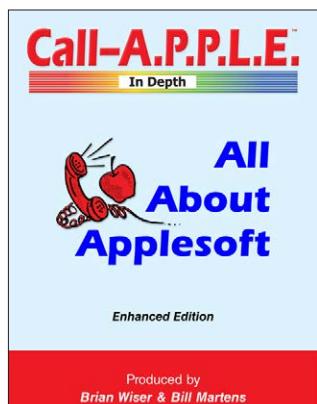


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