

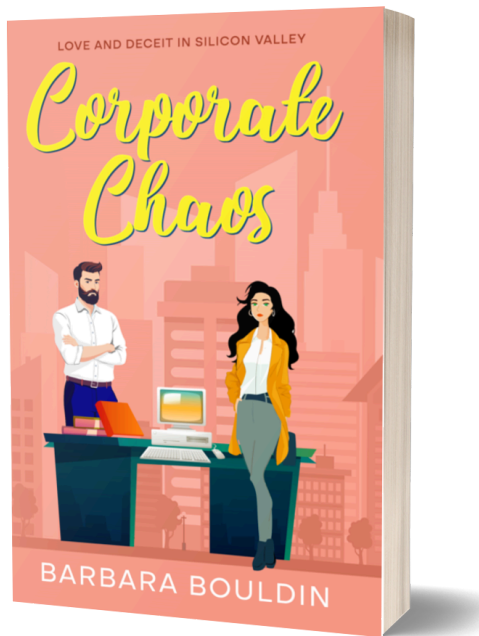
**Barbara Bouldin is an author
of workplace romance novels
set in Silicon Valley circa 1985**

Happy Valentines Day to everyone. I derive great enjoyment out of this holiday because of my love of chocolate. The day is only surpassed by Halloween as an excuse for eating my favorite candy. My gift giving and hopefully receipt of gifts consists solely of this delightful food group. That is correct. I consider chocolate its own special food group.

How do you celebrate Valentine's day? Maybe you have a special restaurant you go to, or a special chocolate you adore, or maybe it's not even food (hard for me to imagine.) If you get a chance, send me an email and let me know: bbouldin711@gmail.com

Corporate Chaos, Book 2 in the Romance in Silicon Valley series, is in the final stages of pre-publication. So be sure to take advantage of the \$.99 pre-order price which will only be available for the limited time until release day!

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Emma and Jake celebrated Valentines Day with a romantic dinner at Piccolo Caffè Toscano where they had their first dining experience together. That first time was not a romantic experience, because at that stage of their relationship they were competing for control of an AI project at Fortuity software where they worked. Jake gave Emma a gorgeous bouquet of roses much like the one in the picture below. And Emma gave Jake a scrumptious box of Ghirardelli chocolates that she purchased in San Francisco.

Because I write workplace romance books set in the Silicon Valley during the 1980s, I was interested in the history of the Valley. Lately I'd been wondering why it was that the first tech companies happened to settle in that particular place. I did some research and found a few reasons that I wanted to share. During World War II this was a site for military contracts, which drew companies and talent to the Valley. Additionally engineers and technologists were available due to a prevalence of world-class universities such as Stanford. The Valley had a plentitude of funding via venture capitalists which enabled startup companies to begin their journeys. The geographic location promoted a diverse population that provided a wide-ranging mix of ideas and perspectives that generated innovation. There was a refreshing social acceptance of failure that allowed people to take risks and seek extraordinary ideas. All these factors became a rolling snowball that created the amazing center of technology that exists today.

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