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The Code Book: The Secrets Behind Codebreaking



Synopsis

"As gripping as a good thriller." --The Washington Post
Unpack the science of secrecy and discover the methods behind cryptography--the encoding and decoding of information--in this clear and easy-to-understand young adult adaptation of the national bestseller that's perfect for this age of WikiLeaks, the Sony hack, and other events that reveal the extent to which our technology is never quite as secure as we want to believe. Coders and codebreakers alike will be fascinated by history's most mesmerizing stories of intrigue and cunning--from Julius Caesar and his Caesar cipher to the Allies' use of the Enigma machine to decode German messages during World War II. Accessible, compelling, and timely, The Code Book is sure to make readers see the past--and the future--in a whole new way. "Singh's power of explaining complex ideas is as dazzling as ever." --The Guardian

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Calling upon accounts of political intrigue and tales of life and death, author Simon Singh tells history's most fascinating story of deception and cunning: the science of cryptography--the encoding and decoding of private information. Based on *The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptography*, this version has been abridged and slightly simplified for a younger audience. None of the appeal for curious problem-solving minds has been lost, though.

From Julius Caesar to the 10th-century Arabs; from Mary Queen of Scots to "Alice and Bob

Simon Singh breaks down cryptic messages for the teenage set in *The Code Book: How to Make It, Break It, Hack It, Crack It*, an adaptation of his bestselling adult title *The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptology*. He covers actual instances of codebreaking, from its role in the plan to execute Mary, Queen of Scots, to the Navajo code talkers of WWII. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Great read for anyone prepping for the CISSP exam. Good story telling which illustrate the cryptography principles on the test.

I am very pleased with this book and recommend it to others. Thank you!

I accidentally purchased the young adult adaptation instead of the original book. I still read a portion of it and found it very well written and easy to understand.

Very readable and gives detailed explanation about how the ciphers work.

Great story

This book has a lot of information I LOVE it I just began to read it but it is very clear and informative thank you

A little history, a little trivia, and a bunch of code cracking. Really enjoy the book.

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