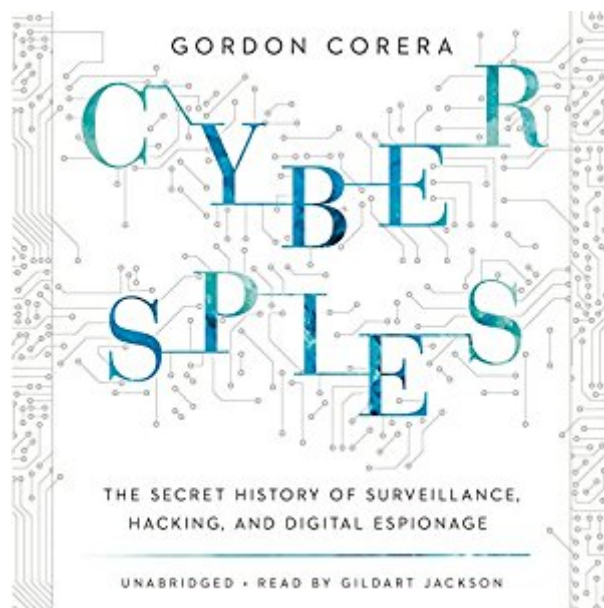




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Cyberspies: The Secret History Of Surveillance, Hacking, And Digital Espionage



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The previously untold - and previously highly classified - story of the conflux of espionage and technology, a compelling narrative rich with astonishing revelations, taking listeners from World War II to the Internet age. As the digital era becomes increasingly pervasive, the intertwining forces of computers and espionage are reshaping the entire world; what was once the preserve of a few intelligence agencies now affects us all. Corera's compelling narrative takes us from the Second World War through the Cold War and the birth of the Internet to the present era of hackers and surveillance. The book is rich with historical detail and characters as well as astonishing revelations about espionage carried out in recent times by the United Kingdom, the United States, and China. Using unique access to the NSA, GCHQ, Chinese officials, and senior executives from some of the most powerful global technology companies, Gordon Corera has gathered compelling stories from heads of state, hackers, and spies of all stripes. Cyberspies is a groundbreaking exploration of the new space in which the worlds of espionage, diplomacy, international business, science, and technology collide.

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Customer Reviews

This is a phenomenal book that is different from the other hacking and spying books. First, it can be read by people whose technical skills stop at E-Mail. Second, it traces the history of spying and how cyber espionage fits in its evolution. Third, and probably most important it shows cyber espionage has evolved from intelligence gathering to a weapon and all the many dangers and questions society needs to answer and how difficult those answers are in balancing privacy and security.

However, to its credit, the book doesn't provide answers, it only defines the questions. Finally, as a bonus the book is well written. I recommend that everyone read this book if you can.

Nicely written history of cyber spying/warfare. No news here, but the story is chronologically intact and fully documented in the endnotes.

I first listened to this book via a Playaway from the local library and it was so full of detailed information that I decided to purchase it so I could take my time reviewing the content.

Well researched and crammed full of believable facts.

Liked the book. There was a lot of info to digest. Not a real easy read, but very interesting.

A little dry but good documentation of actual cases worldwide.

I rarely find a new book that is worth committing time to --this one is. While I am less than a third of the way into this book, I am already committed to finishing it and genuinely excited to see where it leads. I have worked in and around cybersecurity for some time and have yet to find a work that underscores so dramatically and authoritatively how critical this area has become to everyone's lives. Corera dives into history, ties what he learns (including new findings) into the present and while some areas will seem familiar to the initiated, the scope and intelligence of his inquiry ultimately makes me think that Corera has written a seminal book --one that will have relevance for a very wide audience indeed.

Well-researched and engaging history of spying (both governmental and corporate) and how it intersects with technology. Corera starts all the way back in WWI with the cutting of Germany's telegraph line and runs right through into the present, post-Snowden era. The book is expansive and in depth, managing to thoughtfully explain the counterbalancing of security concerns with privacy rights, and pointing out that the interconnectedness of things has only changed the thrust of spying from human sources to cyber ones. The book's inclusion of corporate espionage and the ever more entangled relationship between various companies and their domestic governments (not to mention demands by foreign governments) rounds it out as more than just the typical spy versus spy history. Highly recommended.

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