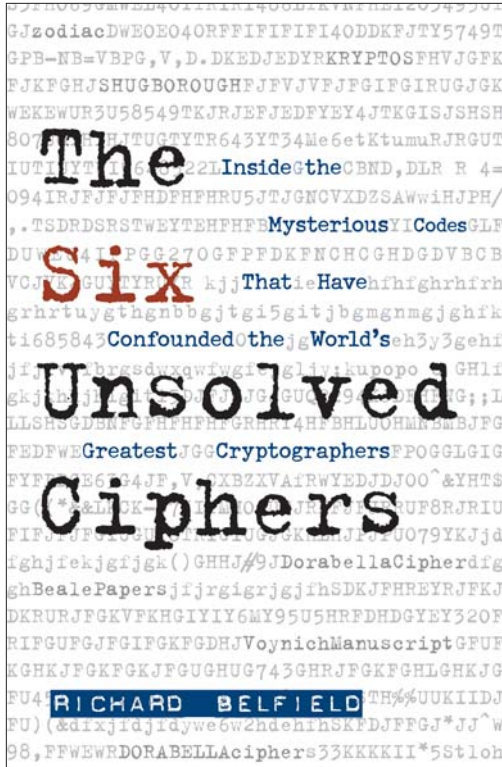


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Today, codes and ciphers do not just decide the outcome of wars. They are crucial to everyone on the planet, greatly informing our everyday lives. They underpin all international commerce and—when broken—can be the triggers that divide nations.

As Phil Zimmermann argued in an interview:

We need encryption...If a future government inherits a technology infrastructure that's optimized for surveillance, where they can watch the movements of their political opposition, they can see every bit of travel they could do, every financial transaction, every communication, every bit of email, every phone call: everything could be filtered and scanned and automatically recognized by voice-recognition technology and transcribed...if a bad government ever comes to power, it may be the last government we ever elect.

The Six Unsolved Ciphers brings to life the amazing stories and fascinating structures of the secret codes that have stubbornly resisted the efforts of the world's best code-breakers and most powerful decryption software. Readers follow the horrific story of the Zodiac serial killer and see reproductions of his symbol-filled letters. Could breaking his code lead to the arrest of this still-at-large madman? The method used for breaking the second letter of the well-studied Beale Papers is explained, along with the deciphered text, which catalogs a \$30 million treasure that has remained undisturbed for over a century. The unsolved first letter is included as well, offering readers a chance to break the code themselves.

If you would like to interview *The Six Unsolved Ciphers* author Richard Belfield or if you have any questions about the book, please contact me at 510-601-8301x108.

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