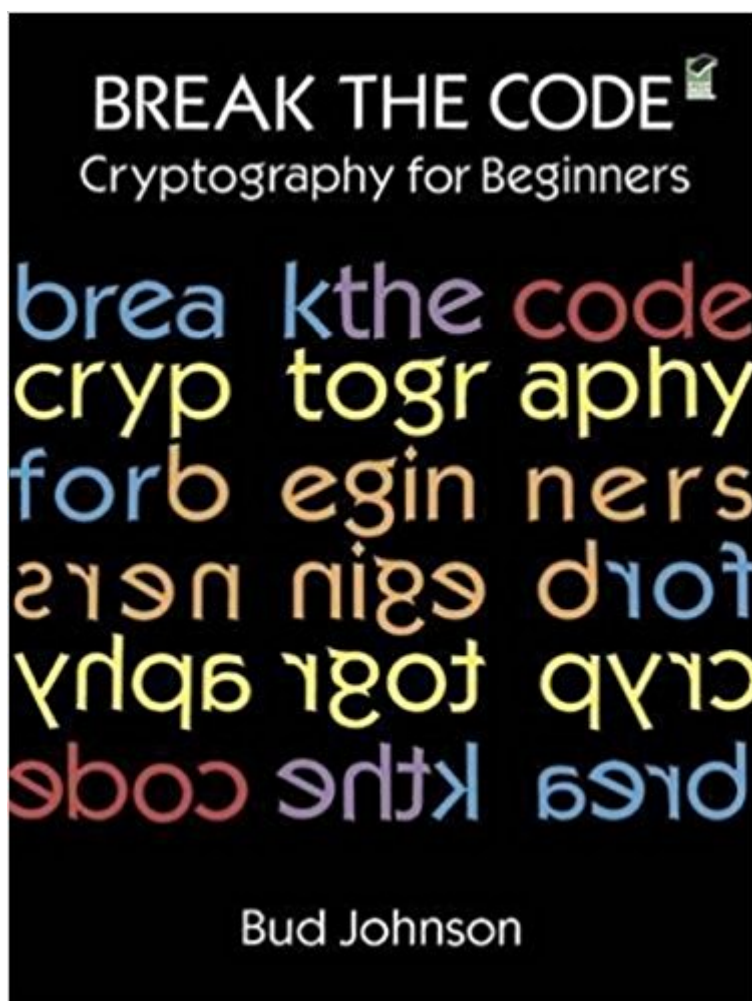




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# Break The Code: Cryptography For Beginners (Dover Children's Activity Books)



## Synopsis

No, it's not a message from outer space! Just read it backwards, starting from the bottom line, to discover what this specially coded message says. (The extra letter "X" at the beginning was thrown in just to make the message a bit more mysterious.) Codes have been used for centuries. Now, with the help of this entertaining book, you, too, will be able to decipher dozens of secret messages. Veteran cryptographer Bud Johnson not only describes the different techniques used in secret writing but also explains • clearly and simply • how to make and break six different kinds of codes: simple letter grouping, reverse trail, shift code, key word code, date shift code, and twisted path code. You'll even learn techniques for creating your own confidential messages! Cartoons by illustrator Larry Daste accompany the 51 practice messages, along with easy-to-follow instructions explaining each type of code and how to use it. There's also a glossary defining common terms used by cryptographers, a sheet of reproducible graph paper for writing out messages, and a page of ready-made alphabets for shift and key word codes. And if all those funny drawings and helpful guidelines aren't enough to help you decode our secret messages, don't worry. Solutions are included at the end of the book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 18 years

Grade Level: 3 - 12

## Customer Reviews

I bought this book to use in my classroom. We watched the movie Imitation Game and then the students wrote codes of their own codes. They really enjoyed this lesson and truly understood how hard it is to break a code with the limited resources the people had at the time.

My son loves this book. It's full of codes to practice decoding, and this is his favorite book right now. The encoded messages have some relatively complex vocabulary, so kids under about age 12 will need some help to figure out some of the words.

This is the perfect beginner's book for children interested in codes and cryptography. Great description of the various types with puzzles to solve.

Grandson loves it. thanks

exactly as expected

So much fun for kids and grandparents. Suddenly it is cool to write to grandparents in code. Plus grandparents are having fun decoding then creating a coded return message.

The grandkids and I are really enjoying learning how to write each other notes in code. This is fun. Or...as we would write it in code: 4WTHI SISFU NG! :)

Excellent book. It is very easy to read. I am using it in my classroom.

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