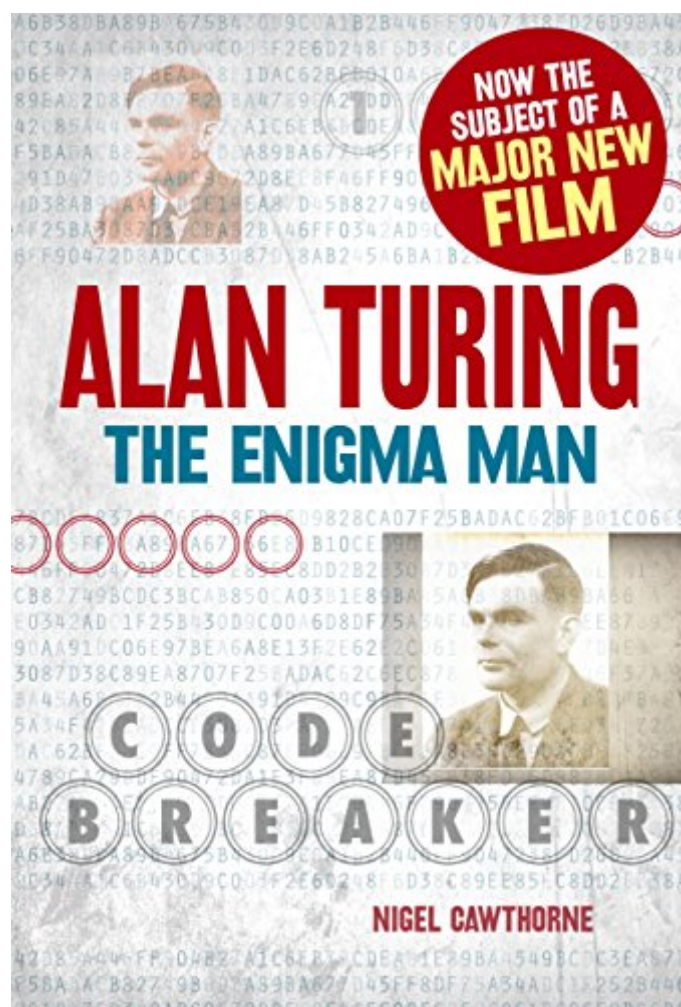


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Alan Turing: The Enigma Man



Synopsis

According to Winston Churchill, Alan Turing made the single biggest contribution to the Allied victory over Nazi Germany with his code-breaking machine. The world is also indebted to Turing's genius for the modern computer. It was clear that Turing had a remarkable mind from an early age. He taught himself to read in just three weeks. At his first school, the headmistress said, 'I have had clever and hardworking boys, but Alan has genius.' In 1954, he was found dead, poisoned by an apple laced with cyanide. This is the story of his life.

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Customer Reviews

Yet another 'book' churned out by 'Nigel Cawthorne', in this case to cash in on the current interest in Alan Turing. The cover implies, somewhat misleadingly, that the book is now the subject of a major new film, whereas it is, of course, Alan Turing that is the subject of a major new film, not Cawthorne's 'book'. There are many other much better books on Turing, including the longstanding biography Alan Turing, The Enigma by Andrew Hodges, upon which the 'major new film' is actually based: <http://www..com/product-reviews/B009H4ZB3G/>

"This may not be the book you seek." It is not the source for the film "The Imitation Game." If that's what you're looking for, that book is: Hodges, Andrew. "Alan Turing : The Enigma." Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2012. The one the movie is based on is quite a bit longer -- over 600 pages.

While I have heard of Alan Turing in connection with breaking the Enigma code, I have not seen any TV programs or movies on the subject, so I found this book very elucidating and interesting. It starts out with Alan's childhood, and what struck me was that his parents seemed to care very little for their two young sons, leaving them in someone else's care as they went off to Alan's father's job in British India; ostensibly as India was becoming a dangerous place for the British due to Indian unrest. Then why didn't Alan's mother stay in England with him? What ensues is Alan's educational career, his discovery that he was a homosexual, his love of running and racing, and his incredible mind. He eventually finds himself part of a team of men who are trying to break the German's Enigma code. After the war, the book documents Alan's successes and some unfortunate incidents as well. I enjoyed this book! At times, I admit that some of it was a bit too technical for my non-scientific mind to comprehend, but taken as a whole it was never-the-less very educational. Definitely would recommend it.

A very readable , factual account of a multitalented man way ahead of his time , to whom we owe so much. The antics of the legal fraternity of the day are exposed and should forever be shamed for their treatment of Turing , just as for Oscar Wilde and Dreyfuss

Read after seeing movie, Very interesting, Alan was such a genius, what happened to him due to him being gay was so terrible. Too bad he could not see all the rewards and things done in his honor before he died. God bless him.

After seeing three films in Turing, I wanted more to help filter fact from fiction. The factual life of Mr. Turing needs no embellishments to be entirely engrossing. Yet he has risen to the level of folk hero with so many enigmas of his own that he will likely continue to fuel speculative fictions for a very long time-- and lead more people to this book to sort it out. If that's you, you've come to the right place.

A great mind and a great man that greatly influenced the twentieth century and the twenty first

century as well. The modern world that we live, learn and play in are all thanks to the forward thinking mind of Alan Turing. A one of several kind thinker that we could use many more of.

I was motivated to read about Turing after watching The Imitation Game. I thought the book gave sufficient details about his whole life to give one a much better picture of who he was than the movie was able to do. Those who have no technical background might find sections of the book dry and tedious where it gives some detail about how the code breakers managed to crack the codes. I would still recommend it to most people but especially to those in science and engineering.

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