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Description:

Review

Richard A. Clarke, Counter-terror chief under presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush

and author of *Against All Enemies: Inside America 's War on Terror*

"*Fatal System Error* accurately reveals the secretive global cyber cartels and their hidden multi-billion dollar business, proving cybercrime does pay and pays well."

Jonathan Zittrain, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Co-Founder, Berkman Center for Internet & Society and author of *The Future of the Internet—And How to Stop It*

"Joseph Menn immerses us in the personalities and politics behind today's cybersecurity threats and countermeasures. This balanced, compelling account shows why the future of the Internet depends more on people of good will than on some technological magic bullet."

Vicky Raab, *The New Yorker*

"[*Fatal System Error*] kept me riveted to the couch all weekend"

Quentin Hardy, *Forbes*

"[A] well-reported book on some of the biggest (known) cybercrimes in the past decade... Menn's book could hardly be more timely."

Network World

"As eye-popping as the book's portrayal of bookies and wise-guy swagger is... the second half of the book is even more mind-blowing."

BBC Focus Magazine

"The issues raised are hugely important, and failure to deal with criminals behind so much online crime will be an embarrassment to governments worldwide."

Business Week

"In profiling two eclectic cyber-crime fighters, Menn has crafted a fascinating high-tech whodunit that educates even as it entertains."

The Guardian

"Menn spins racy tales of true-life cybercrime...The villains glory in handles such as 'Bra1n', and the heroes are portrayed respectively as Matthew Broderick from Wargames and Daniel Craig's Bond, but the narrative glitter is sprinkled on top of serious and thorough reporting. Menn concludes: 'A number of enormously powerful national governments, especially those of Russia and China, have picked the blossoming of the internet age as the time to ally with organised crime.'"

Richard Stiennon, founder of *T-Harvest* and former VP of Threat Research at *Webroot Software*

"Not since Cliff Stoll's *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage* has there been a book that delves as deeply into the workings of criminal hackers. This book will be widely read by law enforcement, policy makers, and IT security professionals. Like Stoll's book I predict it will inspire a generation of technologists to join the battle against cyber criminals."

Register

"An informative and entertaining look at the roots of the burgeoning cybercrime economy and its links to government, featuring a rogue's gallery of international wrong 'uns.... It's one of the best descriptions of the formation of the underground economy I've read. It deserves to be read by those in the IT security industry, policy formation and with any interest in a hype-free expose of the true face of cybercrime."

The Guardian

"Menn's book is riveting, as much for the terrifying detail it includes - both about gambling sites and the extent of botnet infection and the feckless lack of high-level international cooperation - especially by George Bush's administration - that allowed their architects to enrich themselves."

Slashdot

"*Fatal System Error* is an enjoyable read on par [with] books such as *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage* and *Takedown: The Pursuit and Capture of Kevin Mitnick*."

Processor

"Menn's deconstruction of an especially sophisticated set of attacks, the victim's countermeasures, and eventual criminal investigation of the web of attackers is a valuable wake-up call for IT pros that should serve to catalyze redoubled efforts to improve cybersecurity."

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Fatal System Error: The Hunt for the New Crime Lords Who are Bringing Down the Internet is the wake-up call that those in Washington, and those charged with IT need to wake up to. Unfortunately, it is likely those that truly need to read this book, will press the information security snooze button yet again.

Los Angeles Times, April 27, 2010

"[E]ven an unbiased observer would say that *Fatal System Error* is a compelling read, despite the fact that it's nonfiction (or maybe because it's nonfiction). It's also a very frightening book."

Processor, May 7, 2010

"Menn's deconstruction of an especially sophisticated set of attacks, the victim's countermeasures, and eventual criminal investigation of the web of attackers is a valuable wake-up call for IT pros that should serve to catalyze redoubled efforts to improve cybersecurity."

About the Author Joseph Menn covers cyber-security and other technology issues for the *Financial Times*, after a decade on the same beat for the *Los Angeles Times*. He is the author of 2003's *All the Rage: The Rise and Fall of Shawn Fanning's Napster* and a two-time finalist for the Gerald Loeb Award, the top prize in business reporting.

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