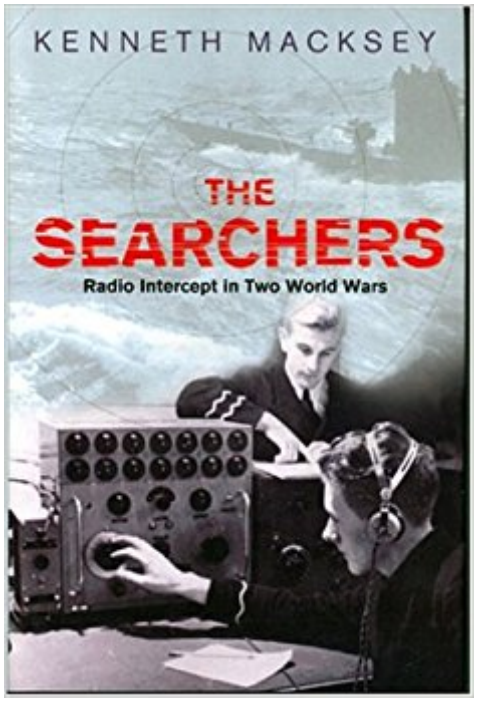
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Synopsis

With the renewed interest in wartime intelligence, a timely history of radio intercepting answers the question of how enemy messages are detected in the first place. The focus is on the early war-shortening Y and Radio Intercept Services, and their brilliantly clever inventors and technologists who proved to be unsung heroes with headphones clamped to their ears.

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Customer Reviews

Kenneth Macksey was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment during the Second World War and has enjoyed a long and successful career as a military historian. Cassell Military Paperbacks include his THE MILITARY ERRORS OF WORLD WAR II.

Great book...Great read....

This is a tremendous subject for a book, but this is not the book. A better title for this book would be "an administrative history of Anglo-American radio intercept units". He goes into great detail about which services had authority over what (Navy, Army, etc.), but precious little about what these folks actually do.There must be many tremendously exciting stories about Allied and German radio intercept services, but this book is certainly not it.

A really great history of signals intelligence. Definitely a "must read" for those into either signals

history or real spy stories.

During WWII we had boarders in our home - They worked on Chopmist Hill, Rhode Island men monitoring the airwaves for sabotage and enemy actions. I was disappointed that this book made no mention of such facilities on the East Coast of the United States. When I saw no such mention in the Index, I put down the book.

Having been in Naval Security (radio intercept) during both the Cuban Missle crisis of ’62 and aspects leading up to the Vietnam conflict, I applaud Kenneth Macksey on his efforts to describe and discuss radio intercept in two world wars. The work of people such as this are not normally discussed, nor can they be, I myself carried a Top Secret Crypto clearance, and even today (40 years later) would not want to see a book divulging all in which the U.S. was involved, nor would NSA, for whom I indirectly worked.Again this book may not be what many readers would desire, but it is a lot better than no book at all. I do not see "complete, inclusive or exhaustive" written anywhere on the cover of this book. Great job, great attempt, at an overview of radio espionage in two wars, Mr. Macksey.Semper Fi.

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