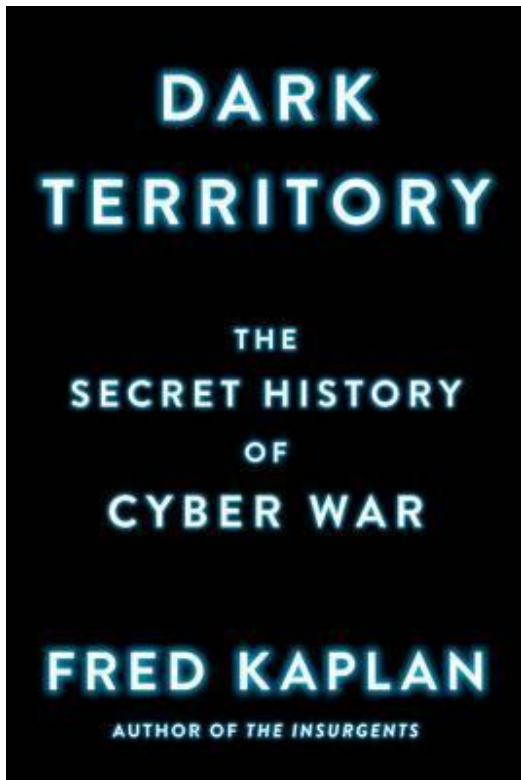


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## Plot:

As cyber-attacks dominate front-page news, as hackers displace terrorists on the list of global threats, and as top generals warn of a coming cyber war, few books are more timely and enlightening than *Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War*, by Slate columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Fred Kaplan.

Kaplan probes the inner corridors of the National Security Agency, the beyond-top-secret cyber units in the Pentagon, the "information warfare" squads of the military services, and the national security debates in the White House, to tell this never-before-told story of the officers, policymakers, scientists, and spies who devised this new form of warfare and who have been planning and (more often than people know) fighting these wars for decades.

From the 1991 Gulf War to conflicts in Haiti, Serbia, Syria, the former Soviet republics, Iraq, and Iran, where cyber warfare played a significant role, *Dark Territory* chronicles, in fascinating detail, a little-known past that shines an unsettling light on our future.

## Additional Information:

### Review quote

"[The] definitive intellectual history of early nuclear deterrence." -- Steve Coll, author of *Ghost Wars* "Like most people, I know that nuclear strategy is a subject of crucial importance-but shy away from it as too forbidding. Reading Fred Kaplan, I understand and want to learn more. He brings the subject to life with human example and an understanding so sure that he can explain the unthinkable." \* *New York Times* \* "An absorbing work . . . The story of the remarkable civilians who developed the novel field of nuclear strategy-men such as Bernard Brodie, William Kaufmann, Albert Wohlstetter, and Herman Kahn-is told admirably well. Even those who are familiar with this story will find fascinating details here." \* *Foreign Affairs* \* "Fascinating . . . It contains much that is not only new but stunning about the nation's official thinking and planning for nuclear war." \* *Washington Post Book World* \* Praise for *The Wizards of Armageddon*: "Fred Kaplan has long been one of our most incisive thinkers about strategic issues. In this provocative book, he challenges many of our assumptions about the post-9/11 world and offers a dose of realism about the way the world actually works after the end of the Cold War. It's a bracing read." -- Walter Isaacson "The inside history of our time, told with precision and confidence, by an author who knows where the secrets are kept." -- Thomas E. Ricks, author of *Fiasco* "Excellent and devastating . . . Go, please, and buy Kaplan's book. His great work deserves attention and reward." \* *Time* \* "A lively and entertaining-if occasionally horrifying-read . . . Like a master archaeologist who can see through the shards and stones of a dig to reconstruct the culture of the city below, Kaplan lays out all the failures, omissions, and delusions of Bush administration officials. The result is an account of the pathologies . . . of Washington itself . . . a caution about the limits of purely military power and the dangers of seeing the world as a morality play." \* *The Washington Post Book World* \* "Illuminating . . . incisive." \* *The New York Times* \* Praise for *Daydream Believers*: "A must-read for military and national security professionals . . . Prodigious detail . . . earthy information about the human foibles of the participants." \* *Washington Times* \* "Compelling" \* *The New Yorker* \* "Excellent . . . Poignant and timely . . . A good read, rich in texture and never less than wise." \* *Foreign Policy* \* "Kaplan has a gift for bringing to life what might otherwise seem like arcane strategic debates by linking them to the personalities and biographies of the main participants, and he vividly captures the drama of Petraeus' struggle against a Pentagon establishment." \* *Foreign Affairs* \* "A very readable, thoroughly

reported account of how, in American military circles, 'counterinsurgency' became a policy instead of a dirty word." \* New York Times \* "Excellent . . . An intellectual thriller." \* Time \* "Serious and insightful . . . The Insurgents seems destined to be one of the more significant looks at how the US pursued the war in Iraq, and at the complex mind of the general in charge when the tide turned." \* Los Angeles Times \* "Riveting . . . essential reading . . . Kaplan's meticulous account of the ways Petraeus found to bring together and nurture the counterinsurgency 'cabal' might profitably be read by anyone interested in bringing change to a giant bureaucracy." \* The Daily Beast \* "One of the very best books ever written about the American military in the era of small wars . . . Fred Kaplan brings a formidable talent for writing intellectual history." \* The New York Review of Books \* Praise for The Insurgents:

"Thrilling reading . . . A fascinating history . . . The Insurgents proceeds like a whodunit . . . An authoritative, gripping and somewhat terrifying account of how the American military approached two major wars in the combustible Islamic world . . . There is no one better equipped to tell the story than Fred Kaplan, a rare combination of defense intellectual and pugnacious reporter . . . He brings genuine expertise to his fine storytelling." \* NYT Book Review \* "Revealing. . . . On a vital current-events topic, the well-connected Kaplan's well-sourced history gives readers much to ponder." \* Booklist \* "Everyone has heard the term 'cyber warfare.' Very few people could explain exactly what it means and why it matters. Dark Territory solves that problem with an account that is both fascinating and authoritative. Fred Kaplan has put the people, the technologies, the dramatic turning points, and the strategic and economic stakes together in a way no author has done before." -- James Fallows, national correspondent, The Atlantic "A fascinating account of the people and organizations leading the way towards a cyber war future." -- Dorothy E. Denning, author of Information Warfare and Security, 1st Inductee, National Cyber Security Hall of Fame "Dark Territory is a remarkable piece of reporting. Fred Kaplan has illuminated not merely the profound vulnerabilities of our nation to cyber warfare, but why it has taken so long for our policy-makers to translate indifference into concern and concern into action. This is a vitally important book by a meticulous journalist." -- Ted Koppel, author of Lights Out: A Cyberattack, A Nation Unprepared, Surviving the Aftermath "Pulitzer-prizewinning journalist Fred Kaplan's taut, urgent history traces the dual trajectory of digital surveillance and intervention, and high-level US policy from the 1980s on." \* NATURE \* "Jarring . . . a rich, behind-the-headlines history of our government's efforts to make policy for the jaw-dropping vulnerabilities of our ever-increasing dependence on computers. . . . Kaplan renders a vivid account of the long struggle waged by presidents, bureaucrats, generals, private-sector CEOs, and privacy advocates . . . Kaplan

enjoys considerable credibility in defense circles, but he guides us through the dark territory of cyber conflict with an omniscient-narrator voice reminiscent of Bob Woodward's behind-the-scenes books. . . . Today, Kaplan argues, it is precisely U.S. pre-eminence in the network connectivity that makes us the most vulnerable target in the world to cyber sabotage." \* Washington Independent Review of Books \* "Worthy of any spy thriller. . . a strong narrative flow . . . impressively detailed . . . deeply relevant . . . vital." \* The National (UAE) \* A "Hot Tech Book of 2016" \* Tech Republic \* A "Hot Type" Book Pick for March 2016 \* Vanity Fair \* "Peppered with many fascinating behind-the-scenes anecdotes . . . A readable and informative history." -- P.W. Singer \* The New York Times Book Review \* "Chilling . . . Kaplan is one of America's leading writers on national security, and his accounts of cyberattacks are gripping . . . assiduously researched." -- Edward Lucas \* The Times (London) \* EDITORS' CHOICE \* New York Times Book Review \* "Fascinating . . . To understand how deeply we have drifted into legally and politically uncharted waters, read Kaplan's new book, Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War." -- George F. Will \* The Washington Post \* "Kaplan dives into a topic which could end up being just as transformational to national security affairs as the nuclear age was. The book opens fast and builds from there, providing insights from research that even professionals directly involved in cyber operations will not have gleaned. . . . You will love this book." -- Bob Gourley \* CTOvision.com \* "An important, disturbing, and gripping history arguing convincingly that, as of 2015, no defense exists against a resourceful cyberattack." \* Kirkus Reviews, starred review \* "Dark Territory captures the troubling but engrossing narrative of America's struggle to both exploit the opportunities and defend against the risks of a new era of global cyber-insecurity. Assiduously and industriously reported. . . . Kaplan recapitulates one hack after another, building a portrait of bewildering systemic insecurity in the cyber domain. . . . One of the deep insights of Dark Territory is the historical understanding by both theorists and practitioners that cybersecurity is a dynamic game of offense and defense, each function oscillating in perpetual competition." \* The Washington Post \* "A book that grips, informs and alarms, finely researched and lucidly related." -- John le Carre "A consistently eye-opening history of our government's efforts to effectively manage our national security in the face of the largely open global communications network established by the World Wide Web. . . . The great strengths of Dark Territory . . . are the depth of its reporting and the breadth of its ambition. . . . The result is not just a page-turner but consistently surprising. . . . One of the most important themes that emerges from Mr. Kaplan's nuanced narrative is the extent to which defense and offense are very much two sides of the same coin. . . . The biggest surprise of Dark Territory is the identity of the most prominent domestic heroes and villains in

the "secret history." . . . Dark Territory is the rare tome that leaves the reader feeling generally good about their civilian and military leadership." \* The New York Times \*

## **About Fred Kaplan**

Fred Kaplan writes the "War Stories" column in Slate and has also written many articles on politics and culture in The New York Times, The Washington Post, New York magazine, The Atlantic, Foreign Policy, and many other publications. A former Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for The Boston Globe, he is also the author of 1959: The Year Everything Changed, Daydream Believers: How a Few Grand Ideas Wrecked American Power.