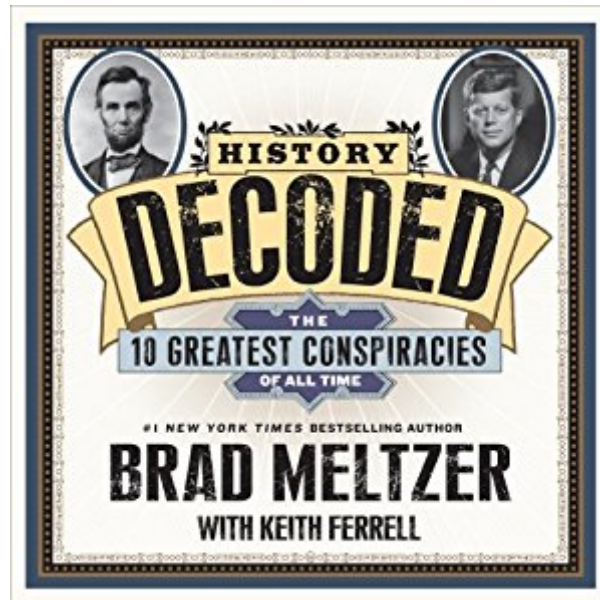


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# History Decoded: The Ten Greatest Conspiracies Of All Time



## Synopsis

Adapted from Decoded, Meltzer's hit show on the History network, History Decoded explores many fascinating and unexplained questions. Is Fort Knox empty? Why was Hitler so intent on capturing the Roman "Spear of Destiny"? What's the government hiding in Area 51? Where did the Confederacy's \$19 million in gold and silver go at the end of the Civil War? And did Lee Harvey Oswald really act alone? Meltzer sifts through the evidence; weighs competing theories; separates what we know to be true with what's still - and perhaps forever - unproven; and in the end, decodes the mysteries, arriving at the most likely solution. Along the way we meet Freemasons, Rosicrucians, Nazi propagandists, and the real DB Cooper.

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## Customer Reviews

Brad Meltzer chronicles several compelling stories with detailed research and questions and answers on the greatest conspiracy theories in history. The author presents comprehensive information, based on extensive research on: The JFK assassination including the people behind the real stories; Lincoln's assassination and the killing of his assassin; Watergate; Oswald and Jack Ruby in JFK's assassination; John Wilkes Booth and the killing of President Abraham Lincoln with information on the man killed in Garrett's barn; and much more. Brad Meltzer explores the conspiracies and myths as he presents the hard facts through scary stories. Did Booth become a fugitive for 40 years? What really happened on stage in Booth's final performance, and was he killed by Union Troops? Did Booth's family members offer a different version of events? The author presents wild theories as we read the facts, while making our own decisions. The questions and

answers presented are extremely thought-provoking such as: Did \$20 million in gold and silver disappear at the end of the Civil War? Where was the money hidden 150 years ago? Brad Meltzer includes findings on: The KGC; Robert E. Lee; Jefferson Davis; The Confederate treasure; The history behind the Georgia Guidestones; The Rosicrucians; and more. The author describes the essence of decoding a mystery by going to the sources, and researching to conclude startling insights. What were the messages in 1980 revealed by the Guidestones? In addition, the author discusses Dan Cooper and the hijacking of North West Orient airlines; Bombs on planes and security procedures; The FBI in historical investigations; The Cornerstone of Democracy; The building of the White House. As we read on, we also learn theories about the Spear of Destiny; the Vatican spear; Hitler and his obsessions; Michelangelo; and symbols in historic paintings. Included is information researched in detail on: The 1929 collapse of the stock market; Fort Knox and the U.S. gold reserves; UFOs and Area 51; The Mona Lisa and encoded messages; President Roosevelt and the Great Depression; and theories presented on the mysterious deaths of witnesses in the JFK assassination. This remarkable account of the Greatest Conspiracies in history includes photos, exhibits, and interviews. Interesting, comprehensive, and educational. Highly recommended!

Some of the information and possible scenarios were new to me. This gives the reader the chance to form his own opinion on some. I especially enjoyed the section on the Abraham Lincoln assassination, and the real possibility that what I learned in school needed updating. Read it yourself and find out!!

What a joy to read stories of our history and untangled conspiracies that we all thought were truth. This book helps to clarify many untruths, but I suppose the "conspiracy theorists" will dismiss this book as bunk. My thanks to the authors.

Brad Meltzer comes thru again! This is an awesome book on the 10 greatest conspiracies in history! Lincoln, Guidestones, Spear of Destiny, Da Vinci, Fort Knox, Roswell, Kennedy - all the greatest topics that you see on the Decoded history channel show are here! And with the cool included facsimile docs included, I keep waiting for McKinley and Buddy to walk in to help me find out if the TRUTH is really out there!!! Great book!!!

This guy's TV shows are so crazy conspiratorial that you'd expect his book to set your hair on fire.

You'd be wrong. This is an elegant and entertaining coffee table book (though not of large size) that is quite moderate in tone and entirely factual, with emphasis on the decoding rather than the conspiracy. It's especially enticing for a youngster because each conspiracy is described in a short story and presented with a sealed envelope containing a facsimile document that holds the key to or at least represents the conspiracy. It is worth every penny...makes me smile to see it lying on my bookshelf. Kids pick it up whenever they have a few minutes to wait, read/revisit one story at a time.

Conspiracy no. 10--I did not know that anyone doubted John W. Booth's death at the farm by U.S. troops. So that was a new one for me. I had not heard of the confederate gold mystery either--Conspiracy no 9. I had not heard of the 8th mystery -- Georgia Guidstones. I always wondered whatever happened to D.B. Cooper - conspiracy no 7. The author's hypothesis is food for thought. I did not know that the cornerstone of the White House was a conspiracy matter [no. 6]. I had not heard of the spear of destiny, but of course I had heard of the spear that punctured Jesus's side. I had also not heard of the Da Vinci prediction of an apocolypse and still do not believe that's what Leonardo was talking about. I am interested in no 3 --is there still a bunch of gold in Ft. Knox, and if not, what happened to it? That should be easy enough to discover. Area 51 and Roswell remain mysteries worth exploring. But the number one conspiracy of the present age which remains unanswered: Who Killed JFK and why? Unfortunately, the author's book does not really answer most of the conspiracy chapters he discusses, therefore I could only give it a 3. But it is worth reading if you had never heard of most of the conspiracy's mentioned in the book.

This was a very fast read, with little new historical revelations. I may have been expecting a more scholarly work, so don't blame the author for making history interesting. I was just sorry I spent the time.

It's hard to understand why Brad Meltzer needed a co-writer to do such a poor job. Isn't he supposed to be a writer? It reads more like an off-the-cuff transcript, not something anyone put any thought into.

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