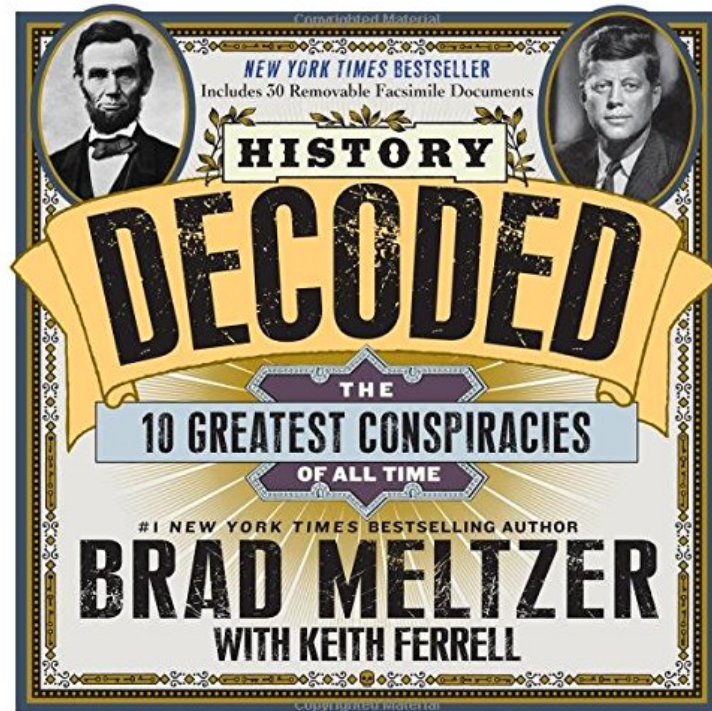


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**Brad Meltzer, Keith Ferrell : History Decoded: The 10 Greatest Conspiracies of All Time** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised History Decoded: The 10 Greatest Conspiracies of All Time:

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what happened to all the Confederate gold, is there any gold in Fort Knox, UFOs in Roswell and Area 51, and was John Wilkes Booth really apprehended. I can't say that any of these conspiracies keep me up at night. So my recommendation is that if you feel that you must read this book, at least check it out from the library. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very few answers by Kindle Customer. I like reading about conspiracies and secret societies since I was a kid. I found this book for the most part just a rehash of other books on the subject. There was not much decoding in my view just a here is a conspiracy we can't prove or disprove. It is like watching a TV show without the dramatic music or commercial breaks. Now don't get me wrong some were interesting like the chapter on JFK's assassination. The one on John Wilkes Booth was just an rehash of old theories of did he or didn't he die in that barn, but the same can be said about several other person's from our history. Others were pretty new conspiracy theories to me. The only one that I had a big problem with was the theory on Dan (D.B.) Cooper there was too much circumstantial evidence for his claim and I want to say what about the money to find out what I am talking about read the book. I think if you are conspiracy buff you will find this book interesting or if you want to delve into conspiracies this is a good place to start.

It's an irresistible combination: Brad Meltzer, a born storyteller, counting down the world's most intriguing unsolved mysteries. And to make this richly illustrated book even richer, each chapter invites the reader along for an interactive experience through the addition of removable facsimile documents—the evidence! It's a treasure trove for conspiracy buffs, a Griffin and Sabine for history lovers. Adapted from Decoded, Meltzer's hit show on the HISTORY network, History Decoded explores fascinating, 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 from what's still and perhaps forever unproved or unprovable; and in the end, decodes the mystery, arriving at the most likely solution. Along the way we meet Freemasons, Rosicrucians, Nazi propagandists, and the real DB Cooper. Bound in at the beginning of each story is a custom-designed envelope—a faux 19th-century leather satchel, a U.S. government classified file containing facsimiles of relevant evidence: John Wilkes Booth's alleged unsigned will, a map of the Vatican, Kennedy's death certificate. The whole is a riveting, interactive adventure through the compelling world of mysteries and conspiracies.

From Publishers Weekly: Newcomers and longtime fans of Meltzer's popular TV show, Decoded (where he and a trio of experts investigate the veracity of various myths and legends), will relish this print companion, comprising summaries of 10 of the most intriguing topics pursued on the show, including the fate of John Wilkes Booth, UFOs in Area 51, Leonardo Da Vinci's apocalyptic predictions, the assassination of J.F.K., and more. Mirroring the series, each chapter begins with Meltzer (The Inner Circle) posing a provocative question (e.g., What if I told you that Fort Knox is empty? ) before leading readers through his process of interviewing experts and analyzing ancient texts and other ephemera to determine the answer if there is one. As viewers know, the majority of his inquiries don't have a definitive conclusion, but half the fun is getting there. Meltzer peppers each section with fascinating asides (an independent panel determined that all the shots that killed Kennedy came from the rear rather than from multiple angles) and trivia (Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier three months after the Roswell incident, something scientists had previously thought impossible) that is sure to keep readers enthralled and conspiracy theorists encouraged to continue to dig for the truth. (Nov.) From Booklist: Meltzer, the popular author of such conspiracy-minded thrillers as The Tenth Justice (1997), has also been the host of Brad Meltzer's Decoded, a History Channel series about conspiracy theories and secret codes. Drawing from the series, this intriguing volume looks at the biggies, among them the mystery surrounding the death of John Wilkes Booth (Did Lincoln's murderer really die in the days after the assassination?); Area 51, the top-secret Nevada site often associated with UFOs (Does the American government have proof of extraterrestrial visitation?); and skyjacker D. B. Cooper (Has his real identity been uncovered?). Meltzer gains credibility by not being afraid to admit that definitive answers are elusive. This isn't one of those conspiracy books that pretends to look at all the evidence, all the while offering a conclusion based on its author's agenda. The goal here is to assess the evidence behind these historical mysteries, to separate (where possible) fact from speculation, and to see where we stand. We leave the book no more certain about the truth than when we started, but with a lot to think about. --David Pitt Meltzer peppers each section with fascinating asides and trivia that is sure to keep readers enthralled and conspiracy theorists encouraged to continue to dig for the truth. - Publishers Weekly