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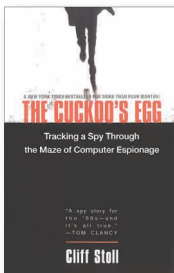
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# CLIFFORD STOLL

## Author, *High-Tech Heretic*

Clifford Stoll gained worldwide attention as a cyberspace sleuth when he wrote his bestselling book, *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage*, the page-turning true story of how he caught a ring of hackers who stole secrets from military computer systems and sold them to the KGB. He has become a leading authority on computer security, presenting to the CIA, NSA and the U.S. Senate. His lecture presentations are energetic and entertaining, and showcase Clifford's dry wit and penetrating views. Clifford Stoll is a commentator for MSNBC and an astronomer at the University of California Berkeley.

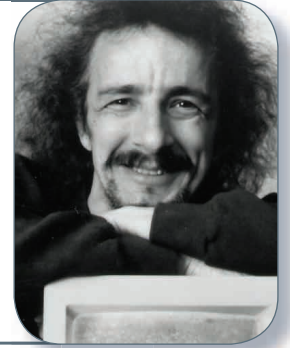
*The Cuckoo's Egg* inspired a whole category of books on capturing computer criminals. He began by investigating a 75-cent error in time billing for the university computer lab for which he was systems manager and ended up uncovering a ring of industrial espionage. Working for a year without support from his employers or the government, he eventually tracked the lead to a German spy hacking into American computer networks involved with national



security and selling the secrets to the KGB for money and cocaine.

Since catching the "Hanover Hacker" (Hanover, West Germany), Stoll has become a leading expert on computer security and has given talks for both the CIA and the National Security Agency, as well as the U.S. Senate.

Stoll is also the author of two engaging and counter-intuitive critiques of technology's role in culture written in his trademark quiet and folksy style full of droll wit and penetrating insights. In *Silicon Snake Oil: Second Thoughts on the Information Highway*, Stoll, who has been netsurfing for fifteen years, does an about-face, warning that the promises of the Internet have been oversold and that we will pay a high price for its affects on real human interaction. *High Tech Heretic: Why Computers Don't Belong in the Classroom and Other Reflections by a Computer Contrarian* asks readers to check the assumptions that dominate our thinking about technology and the role of computers, especially in our classrooms. As one who loves computers as much as he disdains them, he admits to being deeply ambivalent about computers, and questions the role of networks in our culture.



### CREDENTIALS

- ✦ MSNBC Commentator
- ✦ Berkeley astronomer

### BOOKS

- ✦ *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage*
- ✦ *Silicon Snake Oil: Second Thoughts on the Information Highway*
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