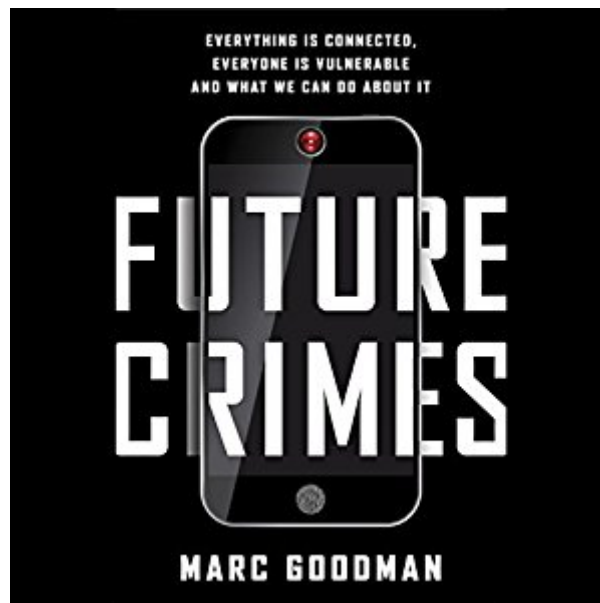




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Future Crimes: Everything Is Connected, Everyone Is Vulnerable And What We Can Do About It



Synopsis

One of the world's leading authorities on global security, Marc Goodman takes listeners deep into the digital underground to expose the alarming ways criminals, corporations, and even countries are using new and emerging technologies against you - and how this makes everyone more vulnerable than ever imagined. Technological advances have benefited our world in immeasurable ways, but there is an ominous flip side: Our technology can be turned against us. Hackers can activate baby monitors to spy on families, thieves are analyzing social media posts to plot home invasions, and stalkers are exploiting the GPS on smart phones to track their victims' every move. We all know today's criminals can steal identities, drain online bank accounts, and wipe out computer servers, but that's just the beginning. To date, no computer has been created that could not be hacked - a sobering fact given our radical dependence on these machines for everything from our nation's power grid to air traffic control to financial services. Yet, as ubiquitous as technology seems today, just over the horizon is a tidal wave of scientific progress that will leave our heads spinning. If today's Internet is the size of a golf ball, tomorrow's will be the size of the sun. Welcome to the Internet of Things, a living, breathing, global information grid where every physical object will be online. But with greater connections come greater risks. Implantable medical devices such as pacemakers can be hacked to deliver a lethal jolt of electricity and a car's brakes can be disabled at high speed from miles away. Meanwhile, 3-D printers can produce AK-47s, bioterrorists can download the recipe for Spanish flu, and cartels are using fleets of drones to ferry drugs across borders. With explosive insights based upon a career in law enforcement and counterterrorism, Marc Goodman takes listeners on a vivid journey through the darkest recesses of the Internet.

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Customer Reviews

Scary acct of the many cyber crimes out there. The author certainly knows his stuff, but the book goes on and on, reporting horrible cyber crimes, but does not give any solutions until the very end of the book. After reading the lengthy accts of crimes, I was tempted to give up on computers. I would have liked to see more coverage of possible solutions and ways for average people to avoid trouble.

I'm writing this review on the day in which the news reported a massive hack at Anthem, exposing the private information of 80 million Americans, including names, birth dates, social security numbers, email addresses...everything an identity thief could use to good advantage to ruin your life. So the title of the book is actually wrong. These crimes are not from the future, they are happening even as I write this. The subtitle, "Everything is connected, everyone is vulnerable and what we can do about it" is misleading. From all I can see, there's very little the average person can do. Even if you dropped off the grid this second, closing your Google gmail account, your Facebook account, your online banking account, it wouldn't make a difference, since their information can be stored indefinitely. You will live in cyber space for generations to come. I recently had occasion to look for work, and many companies required me to check their website rather than approach them in person. When I found a position, the application was online. My new job requires an email address. If I go into a bricks and mortar store, my credit card history is stored in their computers. When I go to the doctor, the whole clinic has an electronic platform with my medical history. There is no escape. Is it convenient for people to shop, access medical and financial records, search the Internet, play games, watch movies, and chat with friends online? Absolutely. Our lives are much easier because of technology. But the law of unintended consequences applies, and what is easier for us is easier for thieves. They can topple governments and corporations and the little guy alike. This is an interesting book, but unfortunately it is also extremely depressing and frightening. The way the author sets it up heightens the pessimism, since he goes on for hundreds of pages of examples of the ways we are at risk. There is a very small section at the end with a few suggestions for change. I would have given it three stars because of the unrelieved gloom, except that the subject matter is timely and every intelligent adult should be aware of the ramifications of modern life and technology, like it or not.

I have been involved with computer, network, and Internet security since the mid '70s. I started

programming operating systems in 1968. This book collects all the threats we have faced historically in the first dozen chapters. Then Mr Goodman paints a very clear picture of the security and privacy threats we face in the next five to ten years. This book is a must read for everyone. Granted some parts of the book might get a little technical for some folks. Don't that stop you from reading it. It is written in a very clear and concise fashion that all readers will walk away from reading this book with their eyes wide open. Not only does Mr. Goodman identify the present and future threats, but he also offers good strategies and best practices that you can employ to mitigate a good many of the threats.

Very difficult to put down. Full of facts, but never tedious. Everyone should read this book to become aware of what's going on in cyberspace...

This is without a doubt one of the most compelling books regarding cyber crime that I have read in the last five years! I can NOT emphasize enough how important this book is to read if you have anything to do with the internet whether you are just shopping, surfing or running a business of ANY size. I consider this MUST HAVE information. This author was interviewed on one of my tech shows a week ago and after just a few minutes I realized I needed to read this book. I am half way through and can hardly put it down. This information should be REQUIRED reading for all students even thinking about getting into business on the internet. Do yourself a favor and just read the introduction and/or sample pages on . You will be unpleasantly surprised to find out just how vulnerable you and our government really are. Don't get scammed! Read this book.

This book completely changed my perception of the internet. Which was an incredible thing for me considering the fact that I'm a software engineer. I thought I knew everything about software and how crime is carried out over the internet. I was VERY wrong. This is a great read for anybody interested in technology and how it affects us. It can definitely be a little dry in some areas and overflowing with statistics, but I'd recommend this book to anyone. It will surely make you think differently about the world.

Goodman delivers a fantastic look at the underbelly of the Internet and the exposure we all face. People of all walks of life are becoming increasingly dependent on technology, while simultaneously expecting the black box that delivers it to "just work" without their understanding of how it works. This book is a very approachable and welcome view of the risks we face below the surface and how

we can protect ourselves.

Future Crimes does a great job of describing the dangers of our headlong rush to create an connected world in spite of the daily reports of lack of security and invasions of personal information. As the title suggests, the book goes beyond the things we're constantly hearing about on the news today to the risks that may develop in the future including bio-hacking. Written so those who are moderately literate with today's technology can follow. I'd suggest to anyone who is using today's cyber-system in their daily life (which includes almost all of us here in the U.S.)

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