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The Author

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Adams County Reads One Book

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Adams County Library System. Although the way we access and use information has completely transformed during that time, the Adams County Library System (ACLS) mission remains the same: to provide residents with materials and information services for formal and lifelong learning enrichment and pleasure.

Adams County Reads One Book is an annual program hosted by ACLS that began in 2011. The community-wide one book, one read has its roots going back to 1998 in Seattle, Washington and has since developed into a nationwide phenomenon, with communities coming together to share in the love of reading.

It is our hope that Adams County Reads One Book, will encourage individuals across Adams County to connect through a shared reading experience and to explore local, regional, cultural and recreational activities as a method of life-long learning.

Special Programs

Virtual Presentation
Director Melissa Davis
Library and Archives
George C. Marshall Research Library

Thursday, October 1, 2020
@ 6:30 p.m. Gettysburg Library

* A special display of Friedman items from the George C. Marshall Research Library will be highlighted.

Contact Gettysburg Library for further information and to register/rsvp.

Virtual Author Presentation
Jason Fagone
“Poet, Codebreaker, Nazi Hunter: The Puzzle-Solving Adventures of Elizebeth Smith Friedman”

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
@ 6:30 p.m.

Hosted Virtually By Gettysburg Library

Contact Gettysburg Library for further information and to register/rsvp.
If I may capture a goodly number of your messages, even though I have never seen your code book, I may still read your thoughts.

—Elizebeth Smith Friedman

The Adams County Library System has many events planned for *Adams County Reads One Book*, including several book discussions and author visits. Enhance your understanding of the book! No matter the library, you are invited to attend any of the following programs. Contact specific library for further information and registration/rsvp requirements.

**October 4th thru 10th**  
**Shakespeare Code-sters Kits**  
Create your own coded Shakespeare wooden coaster.  
Littlestown Library  
Contact library to register and schedule to pick-up kit.

**Throughout Month of October**  
**Virtual Escape Room**  
New Oxford Library  
Contact Library to register and schedule. *Virtual

**Thursday, October 8th**  
**Adams County’s Equal Suffrage Movement— Presented by Jane Malone**  
Harbaugh-Thomas Library  
6:30 p.m. *Virtual

**Tuesday, October 13th**  
**Civil War Codes and Ciphers— Presented by Pete Miele, Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center**  
Gettysburg Library  
6:30 p.m. *Virtual

**Thursday, October 15th**  
**Book Discussion—*The Woman Who Smashed Codes***  
Harbaugh-Thomas Library  
6:30 p.m. *Virtual

**Contact specific library for further information and Register/ RSVP.**
Explore More!
Visit these historic sites, museums, and cultural arts venues

International Spy Museum
700 L’Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
Phone 202-393-7798
Features the largest collection of espionage artifacts on public display.
Open, Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m
http://www.spymuseum.org

National Cryptologic Museum—National Security Agency
8290 Colony Seven Rd
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
Phone 301-688-5849
The National Security Agency’s principal museum which houses thousands of artifacts that collectively serve to sustain the history of the cryptologic profession.
Open, Mon-Fri. 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.; Sat. 1st&3rd 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
http://nsa.gov/about/cryptologic-heritage/museum/

Explore More

Elizebeth Smith Friedman Collection
George C. Marshall Foundation Research Library
Virginia Military Institute
340 VMI Parade
Lexington, VA 24450
Phone 540-463-7103, ext. 122
Open, Mon-Fri. 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
www.marshallfoundation.org/library/collection/elizabeth-smith-friedman-collection/

Discussion Guide

What was your initial reaction to the book? Did the opening chapters hook you immediately, or did it take some time to get into?

Is the Bacon/Shakespeare theory really debunked once and for all?

If you had to summarize this book in three words what would these be?

What character did you relate to most, and what was it about them that you connected with?

Would a George Fabyan and his private Riverbank Laboratories have the same value, importance and respect in today’s world?

How do you think Elizebeth would feel about her legacy today?

Author Jason Fagone presents an extraordinary biography of Elizebeth Friedman, highlighting everything from her help in breaking smuggling rings during the prohibition era, decoding messages by Nazi spies and interrupting German operations in South America. Having read the book, was there a specific aspect to her story that resonated with you and that you found compelling?

Elizebeth seems to be smashing the perceived feminine standards of her day, with dignity and humility. How did she rise above that?

How did you feel about the book overall? What did you like, what did you not like, and what did you wish had been different?
**Further Reading**

### Adult Readers

- *Enigma: The Untold Story of the Secret Capture*  
  By David Balme
- *Codes, Ciphers & Other Cryptic & Clandestine Communication: Making and Breaking Secret Messages From Hieroglyphs to the Internet*  
  By Max Hastings
- *The Emperor’s Codes: The Breaking of Japan’s Secret Ciphers*  
  By Michael Smith
- *World War II: The Secret War*  
  By Francis Russell
- *Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II*  
  By Liza Mundy
- *Secret Warriors: The Spies, Scientists and Code Breakers of World War I*  
  By Taylor Downing
- *The Secret War: Spies, Ciphers, and Guerillas, 1939-1945*  
  By Hugh Sebag-Montefiore
- *The Secret History of World War II: Spies, Code Breakers & Covert Operations*  
  By Neil Kagan
- *Salem’s Cipher*  
  By Jess Lourey
- *Code Talker*  
  By Chester Nez
- *Enigma: The Battle for the Code*  
  By Hugh Sebag-Montefiore
- *I'll Get By*  
  By Janet Woods
- *Near And Distant Neighbors: A New History of Soviet Intelligence*  
  By Jonathan Haslam

### Young Readers

- *Code Cracking for Kids: Secret Communications Throughout History, with 21 Codes and Ciphers*  
  By Jean Daigneau
- *Ultra Hush-Hush: Espionage and Special Missions*  
  By Stephen Shapiro, et. al.
- *World War II Code Breakers*  
  By L. L. Owens
- *Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing*  
  By Paul B. Janeczko & Jenna LaReau
- *The Cipher*  
  By John C. Ford
- *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War II*  
  By Joseph Bruchac
- *Code Busters Club: The Secret of the Skeleton Key*  
  By Penny Warner
- *Spy*  
  By Richard Platt
- *Enigma: A Magical Mystery*  
  By Graeme Base

### On the Web

- National Cryptologic Museum  
- CIA Museum  
- Secrets and Spies—National Archives United Kingdom  
  [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/spies/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/spies/)
- Signal Corps Association 1860-1865  
  [www.civilwarsignals.org/pages/crypto/crypto.html](http://www.civilwarsignals.org/pages/crypto/crypto.html)
WE THANK OUR SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS, AND PATRONS LIKE YOU FOR MAKING THE 2020 ADAMS COUNTY READS ONE BOOK A SUCCESS.

JAMES AND CATHY GARDNER
Gettysburg, PA 17325

SEMINARY RIDGE MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER
111 Seminary Ridge
Gettysburg, PA 17325

WELLSPAN HEALTH
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Let us know your thoughts on the “Adams County Reads One Book” program, and return this form to any Adams County area library.

How did you hear about the Adams County Reads One Book program?
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How did you participate in the Adams County Reads One Book program?
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Have you participated in Adams County Reads One Book before this fall? □ yes □ no

Do you have any suggestions for future Adams County Reads One Book selections?
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Please share any comments you have about the Adams County Reads One Book program.
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