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In it, Briggs delves deep into his own history-from the origins of his highly distinctive name and his early education; through his recruitment into the Intelligence Corps and his wartime experiences as a 'Hut Six' cryptographer; to his outstanding contributions as a social and cultural historian. Along the way he sets out to 'trace those personal relationships which have most shaped (his) life' – his childhood friends and Cambridge professors; his Bletchley Park coworkers; fellow historians; and of course his closest friends and family.

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