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Pour plus de commodité et de discrétion, il est proposé d'utiliser désormais les abréviations suivantes:

X = PARIS
Y = LONDRES
Z = VARSOVIE

Il serait désirable, en outre, que toute la correspondance fût numérotée, afin de pouvoir s'y référer facilement.

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December, 1932

In the bathroom of a Belgian hotel, a French spymaster is photographing secret documents. The operating instructions of the German cipher machine Enigma. A few weeks later, a mathematician in a dingy room in Warsaw begins to decipher the coded communications of the Third Reich, and lay the foundations for the code-breaking operation at Bletchley Park. The cooperation between France, Britain and Poland is given the cover-name X, Y and Z.

December, 1942

It is the middle of World War II. The Polish code-breakers are in France, on the run from the Gestapo. People who know the Enigma secret are not supposed to be in combat zones for fear of capture. So MI6 has a plan—Operation CRICKET—to exfiltrate them. If this goes wrong, if they are caught, they could give away the greatest secret of the war.

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Spymasters. Spycraft. Escapes. Imprisonment. Betrayal.

X, Y & Z describes how secret French, Polish and British intelligence services came together to unravel the Enigma machine.

It tells the story of how, working under the very noses of the Germans, Enigma code-breaking continued in Vichy France.

And how code-breakers from Poland continued their work, watching the USSR's first steps of the Cold War.

The people of **X, Y & Z** were eccentric, colourful, and caught up in world events that they could watch but not control. Chased across Europe their mission was to protect the greatest secret of World War II. Based on original research and newly released documents, this is their story...



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