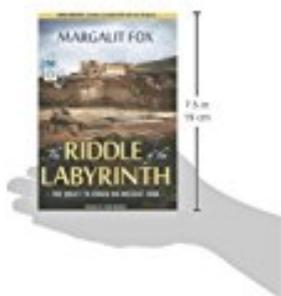


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might have cracked the code herself, if she had not died in her early forties. Focusing on Kober's efforts to tease meaning out of the strange, hitherto unknown symbols, Fox tells the story behind the story. Yes, Ventris made some brilliant deductive leaps, but without Kober's years of painstaking work, those leaps could not have happened. You might think a book about trying to decipher a 3,000-year-old language wouldn't be particularly exciting, but in this case you'd be wrong. Fox is a talented storyteller, and she creates an atmosphere of almost nail-biting suspense. We know the code was eventually cracked, but while we're reading the book, we're on the edge of our seats. This one deserves shelf space alongside such classics in the literature of decryption as Simon Singh's *The Code Book* (1999). --David Pitt --This text refers to the edition.

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