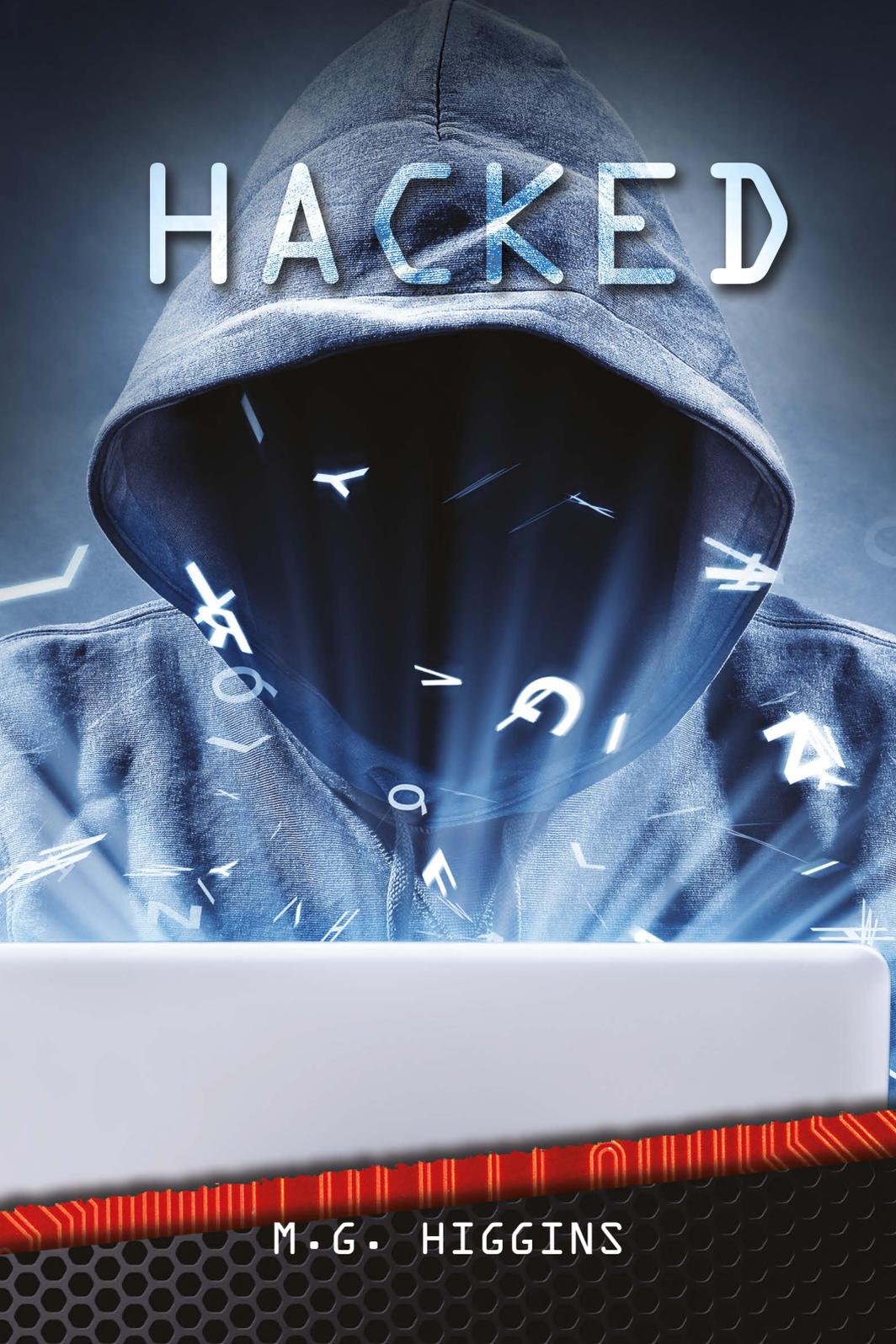


HACKED

A person wearing a grey hoodie and a black mask is the central focus. The mask has glowing blue digital symbols and lines around it. The background is dark blue with more glowing digital symbols. At the bottom, a white laptop keyboard is visible, and below it is a red and orange circuit board pattern.

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ERROR!

Chapter 1
LOCKED OUT

A man is at work.
He sits at his desk.
Then he sees it.
A skull pops up.
It is on his computer.
What is going on?

He restarts.
The skull is still there.
His computer is locked.

A woman yells.
Her computer is locked too.
No one can work.
The *network* is down.
It has been hacked.



How did this happen?
Pros look into it.
They find a *virus*.
Some call it a bug.
It is in the *software*.



The bug is traced.
Hackers sent it.
Why?
Their goal was to steal.
They took secret plans.
Then they shut down the network.
This covers their tracks.
Now they are hard to find.

CYBER ALERT!

"Cyber" comes from the word *cybernetics*. This is the study of how information is communicated.





Many hackers steal.
They do this using the web.
It is how they get in.
Some bugs are found.
Others are not.
This is a hard crime to fight.
But not all hackers are bad.

HACKED

Have you ever been hacked?

What would you do if a hacker stole from you?

How safe is your computer?

What is cybercrime?

How can hackers be stopped?



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