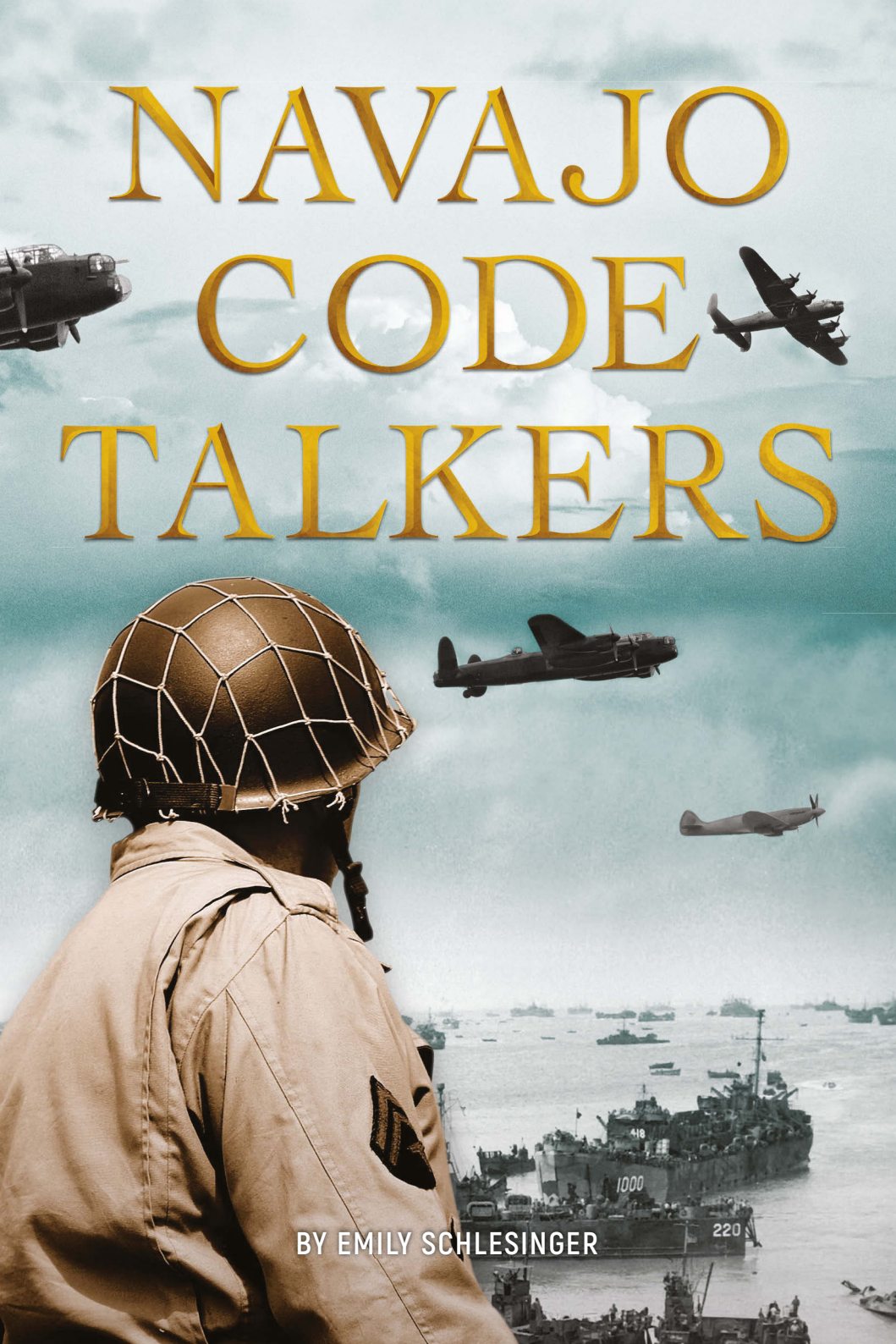


# NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

A composite image featuring a Navajo code talker in the foreground, several military aircraft in flight, and a fleet of ships at sea in the background. The code talker is seen from the back, wearing a tan flight jacket and a brown helmet with a white netting. The aircraft are dark, multi-engine planes flying against a cloudy sky. The ships are large, dark-hulled vessels with various markings, including the number '1000' and '220'.

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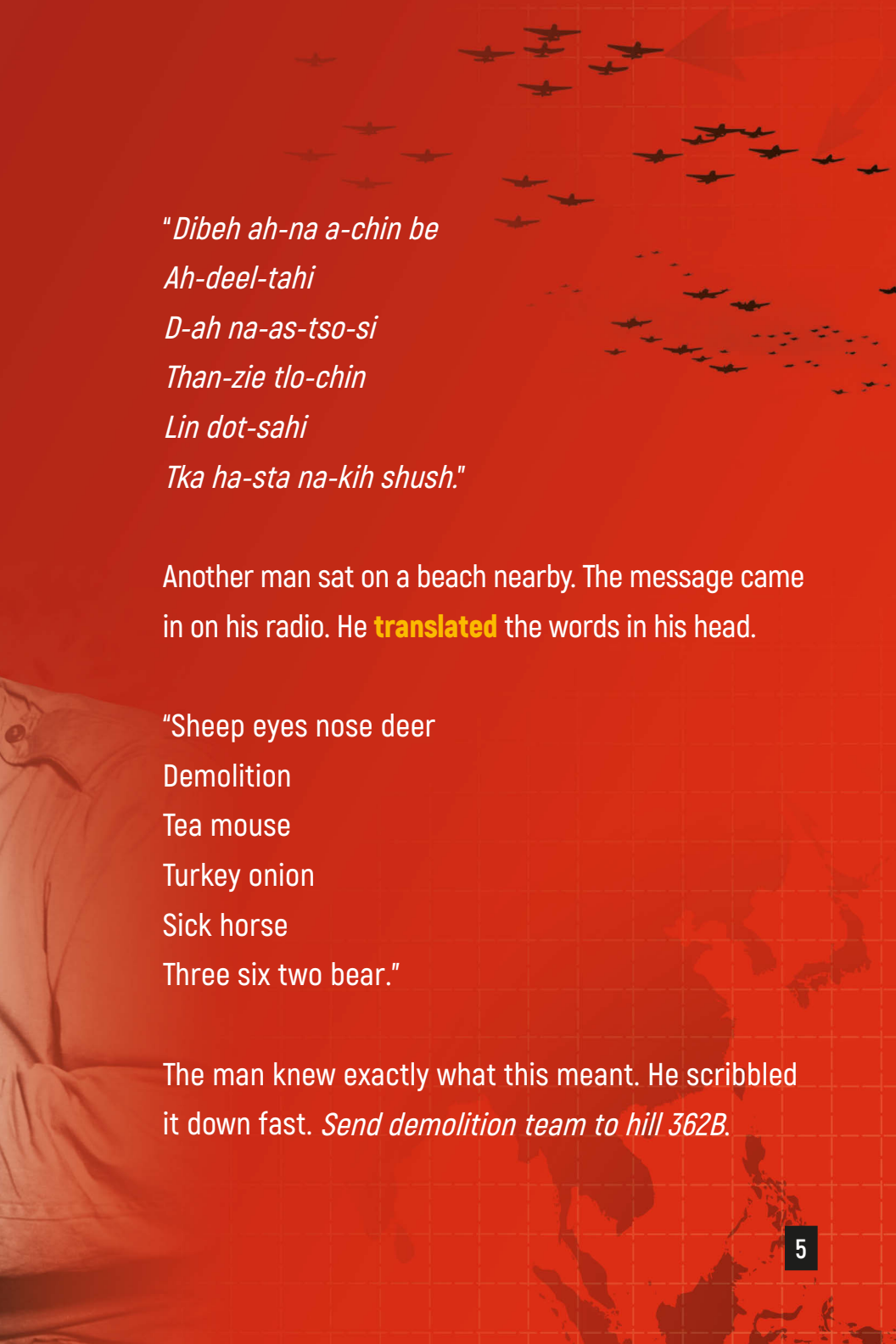
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# Unbreakable

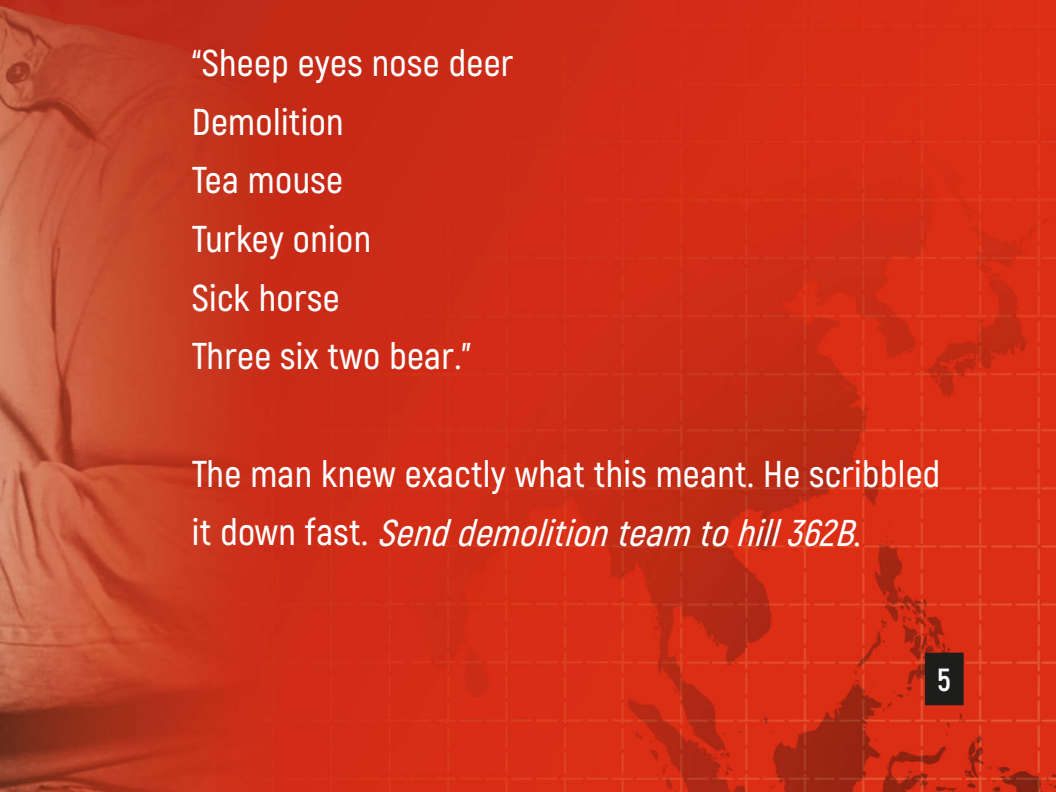
U.S. Marines had just landed on a tiny island. The unit was in big trouble. Japanese forces were firing at them. Troops needed help fast. The leader gave an order. One of his soldiers sent an **urgent** message by radio. It sounded like this.





*"Dibeh ah-na a-chin be  
Ah-deel-tahi  
D-ah na-as-tso-si  
Than-zie tlo-chin  
Lin dot-sahi  
Tka ha-sta na-kih shush."*

Another man sat on a beach nearby. The message came in on his radio. He **translated** the words in his head.



*"Sheep eyes nose deer  
Demolition  
Tea mouse  
Turkey onion  
Sick horse  
Three six two bear."*

The man knew exactly what this meant. He scribbled it down fast. *Send demolition team to hill 362B.*

On the front line, the leader paced. Soon he saw help coming. Flame tanks rolled in. A demolition team took over. They saved the lives of the men under fire.

This was World War II. Fighting raged across the globe. Lives hung in the balance. But a top-secret program had been formed. It involved an unbreakable **code**.

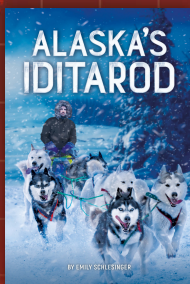


**FAST FACT:** A flame tank has a flamethrower attached to it. These could shoot fire at enemies up to 120 yards away.

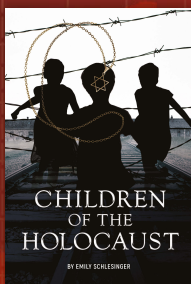
A group of men worked behind the scenes. Others did not know what they did. Their work saved thousands of lives. But this secret stayed buried for decades.



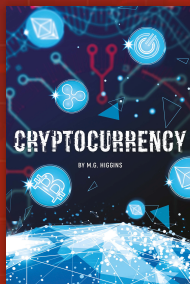
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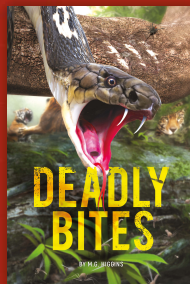
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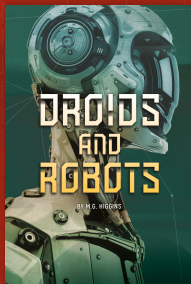
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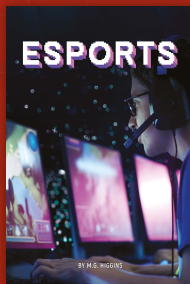
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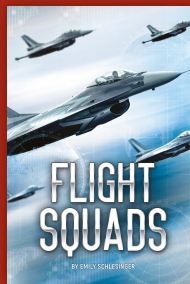
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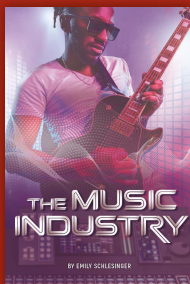
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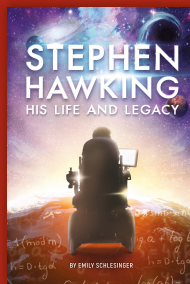
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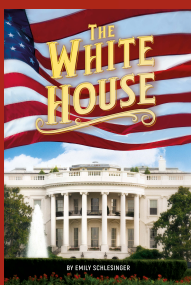
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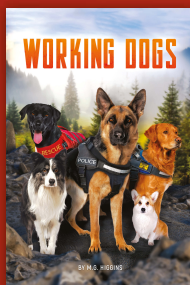
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