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Cyber Security. One of the most successful cyber security law enforcement officials of all time, Chris Tarbell has extensive expertise in cyber security and computer forensics. In an environment where an open computer receives more than 42,000 hits trying to hack it within 13 minutes, how do you protect your assets? A charismatic and hilarious storyteller, Tarbell shares the adrenaline-pumping tale of how he infiltrated and took down two of the most notorious cyber criminals in Anonymous and the Silk Road as he outlines our nation’s growing cyber threats and the challenges businesses have in protecting themselves.

Believing that there are two types of companies out there—those who have been hacked and those who don’t know they’ve been hacked, Tarbell offers practical tips like “Don’t be the low-hanging fruit” and “Be aware of insider threats” and helps audiences understand which threats they should focus on when allocating their resources. With 17 years in law enforcement and extremely rare insight into the mindset of the hacker community (he spent nine months living and working with one of the most notorious and influential hackers in the world), his is the preeminent voice on cyber security in the nation, and his hair-raising stories prove that just because you cannot see your adversary—or even know his real name, it doesn’t mean you can’t protect yourself.