The Book of Stolen Secrets

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Psst. How do you keep a secret safe? You could whisper it.

But someone might overhear you.

I hate hunting.

I KNEW IT!
You could send a secret message.

But it could fall into the wrong hands.
You could write it in code. But someone might crack the code.
You could share it with just your closest friends. But someone might pretend to be a friend to get the information.
As long as there have been people, there have been secrets.

And as long as there have been secrets, there have been people trying to steal them.
When computers and the Internet came along, they made sharing information with other people a lot easier.

Unfortunately, this made stealing information easier too!
Sometimes, you might not even know you are sharing secret information... for someone else to find.

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Information thieves are always looking for new ways to steal secret information.

And they can be very sneaky.
They use stolen information to pretend to be someone they are not, to steal money from bank accounts or commit other kinds of crimes.
But don’t worry! The information you share is usually protected in lots of different ways.

These protections are called cyber security.
Cyber security analysts and engineers are always studying how information thieves steal information.

This helps them find new ways to protect it.
You can make cyber security experts’ job easier by being careful about sharing personal information online.

**HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE:**

1. Don’t share information like your phone number, birth date or home address online.
2. Don’t click on links or emails that promise you an expensive gift or item!
3. Use a password that cannot be easily guessed.
4. Before you upload a photo or post on social media, think about whether you would be OK with your mum, dad or grandma seeing it. If not, don’t post it.
5. Avoid talking to strangers on the Internet.
6. If a stranger tries to talk to you and won’t stop, tell a grown-up you trust.
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Secrets are meant for sharing only with people you know and trust. But watch out for sneaky people who are trying to steal them!

This is a Level 3 book for children who are ready to read on their own.

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