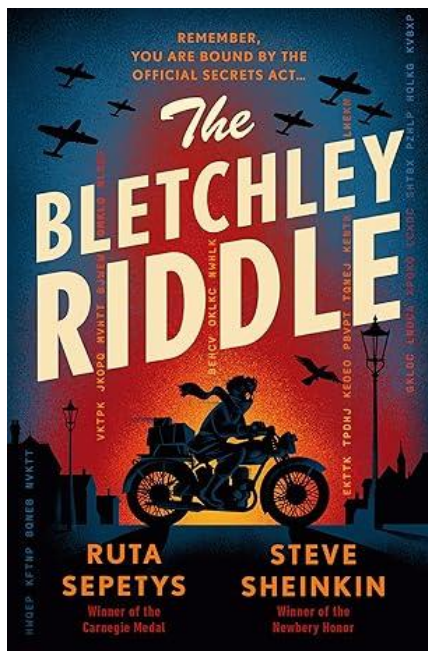


## Berkshire Book Award 2026: Longlisted title

*The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin



It is the summer of 1940. The world is at war. These days, you don't know who you can trust or who might be a secret spy...

Maths whizz Jakob Novis has been recruited to the secret codebreaking centre at Bletchley Park. As Jakob works to crack the Nazi's Enigma cipher, his younger sister Lizzie is busy on an undercover mission of her own: to find their mother.



## Discussion Questions

- The book covers themes such as secrets and trust. Why do you think it was important to keep secrets during World War 2? Can keeping a secret be a good thing?
- If you could create your own secret code, what would you do so only your friends could understand it?
- How do Lizzie and Jakob differ in their approach coping without their mother?
- Would you rather crack top secret codes or investigate someone's disappearance?
- How do Lizzie's and Jakob's role in the story highlight their individual character strengths?