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“Worm

is worth attention. Government officials up to and including President Obama have taken notice of Conficker and begun to address some of the issues it raised.”—*Bloomberg*

“When Mark Bowden writes, smart readers pay attention. . . . Bowden is a deserved brand name – a superb reporter and compelling narrative writer, whether his subject is war in a forlorn land (*Black Hawk Down*, set in Somalia) or a variety of others in seven other books (*Killing Pablo*, *Guests of the Ayatollah*, etc.). And now we have the current masterpiece, *Worm*.”—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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“From the author of *Black Hawk Down*, a different sort of blood-and-thunder heroism narrative, out on the frontiers of cybercrime. . . . A brief, punchy reminder of our high-tech vulnerabilities.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“Bowden . . . gives this account of the computer world’s efforts to neutralize the Conficker worm the flavor of a riveting report from the digital battlefield’s front lines. . . . A nerve-racking but first-rate inside peek into the world of cybercrime and its vigilant adversaries.”—*Booklist*

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### About the Author

Mark Bowden is the author of seven books, including *Black Hawk Down*, *The Best Game Ever*, *Killing Pablo*, and *Guests of the Ayatollah*. He reported at *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for twenty years and now writes for *Vanity Fair*, *The Atlantic*, and other magazines. He lives in Oxford, Pennsylvania.

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