

**Subject:** here's a book for you, upcoming SMC cybersecurity class  
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Hi,

I see that you are on the current roster for my upcoming CS78 class concerning computer security at Santa Monica College. I have a book for you to read.

It's *Secrets and Lies*, by Bruce Schneier. It's narrative rather than technical, easy to read, and quite interesting. The book appeared in 2000 but there was a 2015 "15th Anniversary Edition." The latter is preferable. I would like you to read it before the class starts next month.

This class will be hybrid, that is, conducted half online and half in regular on-campus class meetings. It is compressed into an 8-week session that begins Monday, October 23. We'll meet Wednesday nights. So our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 25.

You'll like the book. I look forward to seeing you,

David Morgan  
instructor