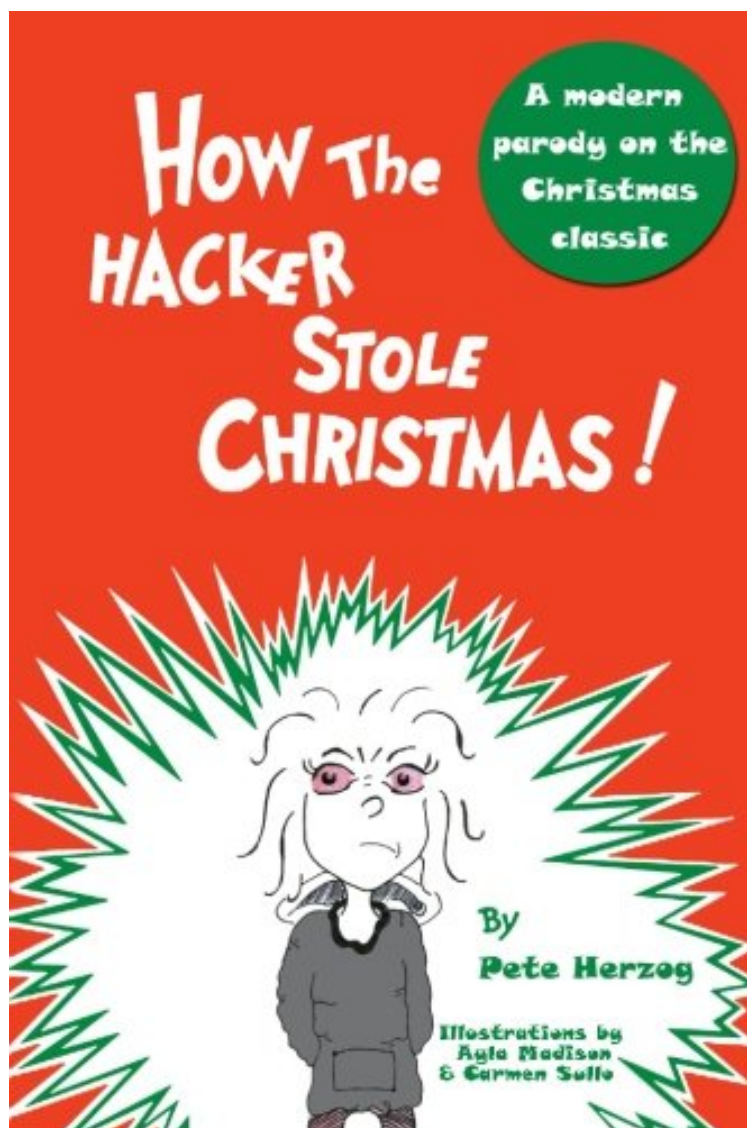


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**Pete Herzog : How the Hacker Stole Christmas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How the Hacker Stole Christmas:

For Children Everywhere who arent staring at a screen. That's how this book begins. It's a playful, funny parody of the Christmas classic with a modern setting, a modern theme, and a modern villain. The Hacker hated the holidays! The

whole holiday break! Her reasons lacked specifics but she found it incredibly fake. It could be blamed on teenage hormonal change, Or a not fully developed emotional range. But I think that the most likely reason of all May have been, due to teasing, shed put up a wall. In this story a sad, angry teen lashes out against her classmates on Christmas break because she's sick of how they act and how they treat her. She's sick of them staring at their phone screens, bullying her, taking selfies, their addiction to likes and everything that's wrong around the social use of technology today. So she does something about it. Watch how the traditional themes of Christmas explode apart in this funny, touching, technologically correct (we get the hacking bits right), and a little too realistic story of Christmas. So what happens when this hacker takes out electronic distractions on Christmas Eve? What happens when the teens can't post pictures of their presents on Christmas day? Does the town get together and learn the meaning of Christmas? Or did the hacker steal that too? This story has been created by the team behind Hacker Highschool, a non-profit initiative to use hacking as a learning methodology to engage teens, improve cybersafety awareness, and train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals. In this project we see teens freely using technology that they have no understanding of the risks consequences. So this story was written as a fun and informative way to bring attention to the drowning effect of technology in the hands of kids today and how nobody is teaching them to swim. The book has been co-illustrated by the (then) 13-year-old Ayla Madison of Youtube and Instagram's Happy Mopey which gives it that authentic teenage feel and Carmen Sullo, an ontological leadership coach with a special interest in all things art and family. This book is fun for everyone and it has many learning points about hacking, technology, society, and self esteem.