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About Richard Thieme



Richard Thieme is one of the most visible commentators on technology and society, appearing often on CNN radio, TechTV, and various other national media outlets. He is also in great demand as a professional speaker, delivering his Human Dimension of Technology talk to over 50,000 live audience members each year. *Islands in the Clickstream* is a single volume "best of Richard Thieme."

Richard Thieme takes us to the edge of cliffs we know are there but rarely visit...he wonderfully weaves life, mystery, and passion through digital and natural worlds with creativity and imagination. This is delightful and deeply thought provoking reading full of "aha!" insights.
— **Clinton C. Brooks**, former Senior Advisor for Homeland Security and Assistant Deputy Director, NSA

Richard Thieme sees deeply into the nature of the human spirit and expresses with great clarity what he observes.
— **Joel Garreau**, cultural revolution correspondent, *The Washington Post*

Thieme's ability to be open minded, conspiratorial, ethical, and subversive all at the same time is very inspiring.
— **Jeff Moss**, CEO, *Black Hat, Inc.*

Richard Thieme teaches experts to see with 'beginners' eyes' and hackers to think like philosophers. More than a great thinker, Thieme is an original soul. When you read Richard Thieme, you believe in the Matrix.
— **Sol Tzvi**, Senior Security & Privacy Architect, *Trustworthy Computing, Microsoft Israel*

Thieme's *Islands in the Clickstream* is deeply reflective, enlightening, and refreshing.
— **Peter Neumann**, *Stanford Research Institute*

Richard Thieme sees deeply into the nature of networks and has the uncanny ability to describe what he sees with extraordinary clarity.
— **Howard A. Schmidt**, Former Cyber Security Advisor to the White House and former CSO, *Microsoft Corp.*

Richard, I believe that you are a practitioner of wu wei, the effort to choose the elegant appropriate contribution to each and every issue that you address.
— **Hal McConnell**, former intelligence analyst, *NSA*

Cyberspace demands philosophers who know that the price of freedom is the probability of crime. Keep your hedonists and give me Richard Thieme. His mind is in orbit but his feet are on the ground.
— **Dan Geer**, Chief Scientist, *Verdazys*, former Chief Technology Officer, *@Stake, Inc.*

Richard Thieme navigates the complex world of people and computers with amazing ease and grace. His clarity of thinking is refreshing, and his insights are profound.
— **Bruce Schneier**, CEO, *Counterpane*

At its best, the Internet connects us to kindred souls, those who are destined to transform our lives in truly wondrous ways. My friend, Richard Thieme, first came to me over the Net and his words and actions have inspired me to see myself and the world around me in a different light. This collection of his writings represents a glimpse into the inner workings of a most extraordinary mind.
— **Becky Bace**, former executive, *National Security Agency*

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