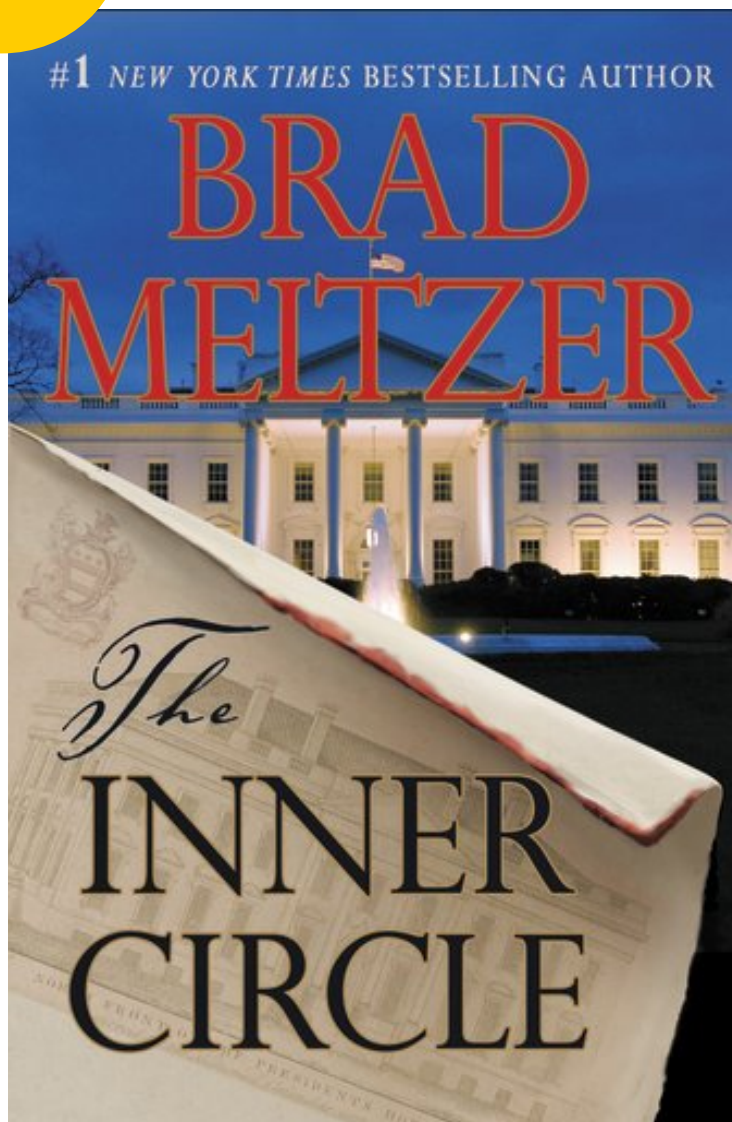


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When Clementine Kaye, Benji's childhood crush whom he hasn't seen in twenty years, shows up at the archives asking for his help tracking down her long-lost father, Benji attempts to impress her by showing her the SCIF -- Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility -- where the President of the United States has his private weekly reading visits. When they accidentally happen upon a secret document, an over two hundred-year-old dictionary once belonging to George Washington, hidden in the underside of the desk chair, Benji and Clementine find themselves suddenly entangled in a web of deception, conspiracy, and murder.

Soon a man is dead, and Benji is on the run as he races to figure out what the President could possibly want with a centuries-old dictionary. His search will lead him to discover secrets buried deep in American history, including the founding of a civilian spy unit during the Revolutionary War called the Culper Ring that still exists today -- a group whose very existence depends on its secrecy. A secrecy, Benji soon discovers, that some consider worth dying for.

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