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*****.William and Elizebeth Friedman were both researchers in

cryptography at The Riverbank Laboratories. This 1957 book is

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Folger Shakespeare Library literary prize. Within it, the

Friedmans address theories, which, through the identification of

hidden codes, call the authorship of Shakespeare's plays into

question. As ciphers were abundantly used in the sixteenth

century, such coding is far from impossible. Accordingly, this

work gives a fair and scientific hearing to those anti-

Stratfordians whose theories were often dismissed completely.

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number of them. Indeed, it has even been suggested that this

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