

# Monday

## 21 November

Critics' choice



### Pick of the day

#### **Britain's Greatest Codebreaker** (C4, 9pm)

Alan Turing might have changed the course of the second world war by cracking the Enigma code, but, according to the spectacularly ungrateful authorities, he was a common criminal, and in 1952 was convicted of "gross indecency" with another man. To avoid prison, he agreed to chemical castration, a treatment that contributed to his suicide two years later.

In the last 18 months of his life, Turing visited the psychiatrist Dr Franz Greenbaum, and using sessions between the two to re-create the scientist's life, this docudrama takes a compassionate look at a pioneer who, as a posthumous apology in 2009 from the British government put it, "deserved so much better". Ed Stoppard and Henry Goodman play the tragic hero and his therapist beautifully, while interviews with computer experts emphasise how strongly the digital age relies on his work.

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