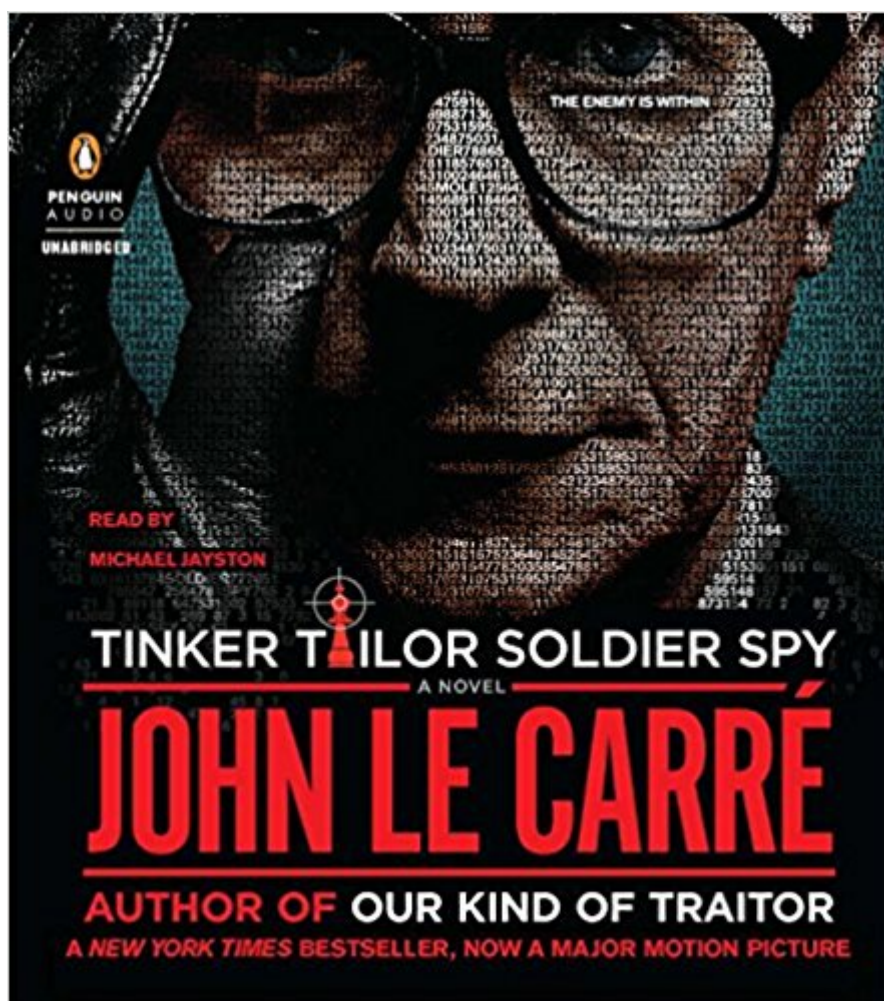


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# Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy: A George Smiley Novel (Penguin Audio Classics)



## Synopsis

Smiley and his people are facing a remarkable challenge: a mole - a soviet double agent - who has burrowed his way in and up to the highest level of British Intelligence. His treachery has already blown some of their vital operations and their best networks. The mole is one of their own kind. But which one? "His people are full-bodied, believable individuals, the minor characters as vivid as the main cast ...a stunning story' The Wall Street Journal --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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"The premier spy novelist of his time. Perhaps of all time." [Time](#)  
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"John le Carré is the great master of the spy story...the constant flow of emotion lifts him not only above all modern suspense novelists, but above most novelists now practicing." [Financial Times](#)  
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John Le Carre's internationally famous hero, British Secret Service Agent George Smiley, has a world-class problem. He has discovered a mole--a Soviet double agent who has managed to burrow his way up to the highest level of British Intelligence. Under the direction of Karla, Smiley's equivalent in the Soviet Union, the agent has already blown some of the most vital secret operations and most productive networks. Now-how can Smiley use a lifetime's worth of espionage skills to

ferret out a spy who possesses them as well? "A stunning story of espionage."--The Wall Street Journal. "Le Carre is simply the world's greatest fictional spymaster."--Newsweek --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm afraid to admit that the movie made the book better. Trying to keep track of the various character's was a little difficult without being able to remember the actors' faces from the movie. (Similarly, I feel Cloud Atlas, which was incredible!, was made better by the movie.) I keep wanting to buy more of the George Smiley novels, but I haven't yet.

Saw the movie before reading the book; as is so often the case, changes in the script and casting decisions detracted from the story. Le Carre's command of the language and the English vernacular is extraordinary. I couldn't put it down, even though I knew how it ended.

Complex story, quick read and hard to put down. Very, very English--almost need to a guide to English terminology, but once you get your mind set for the dialogue, it is fairly easy to follow. Fascinating story about the cold war era, which seems so long ago and forgotten now, but was so an omnipresent during much of my lifetime. Great story, look past any anti-American aspects, and chalk it up to memories of a faded empire and scorn for colonial upstarts.

One of the best spy novels I have ever read. One is left to wonder whether the villainous double agent is based on the real-life scoundrel and traitor, Kim Philby, who spent over twenty years of his life betraying his country to the USSR!

Fantastically well-written presentation of the seedy, paranoic, and unglamorous workings of a secret service. It's not an easy tale to follow but it's a rewarding one. At times cynical and at times laugh-out-loud funny, it's a book of wit and realism and contempt; a condemnation of the way nations conduct their private business.

Thought this was excellent and had everything that I look for in a "thriller." Can't add anything really to the reviews already written but for a tautly woven plot, with wonderful characterization then this book is well worth a read. A gem of a thriller.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book by le CarrÃ©. An intriguing ride through the twists and turns of the

Great Game.

Though not a new book I wanted to read this one again. Unfortunately, the print was too small for my old eyes. The book is good, I know but the one I bought was old and worn and the print too small.

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