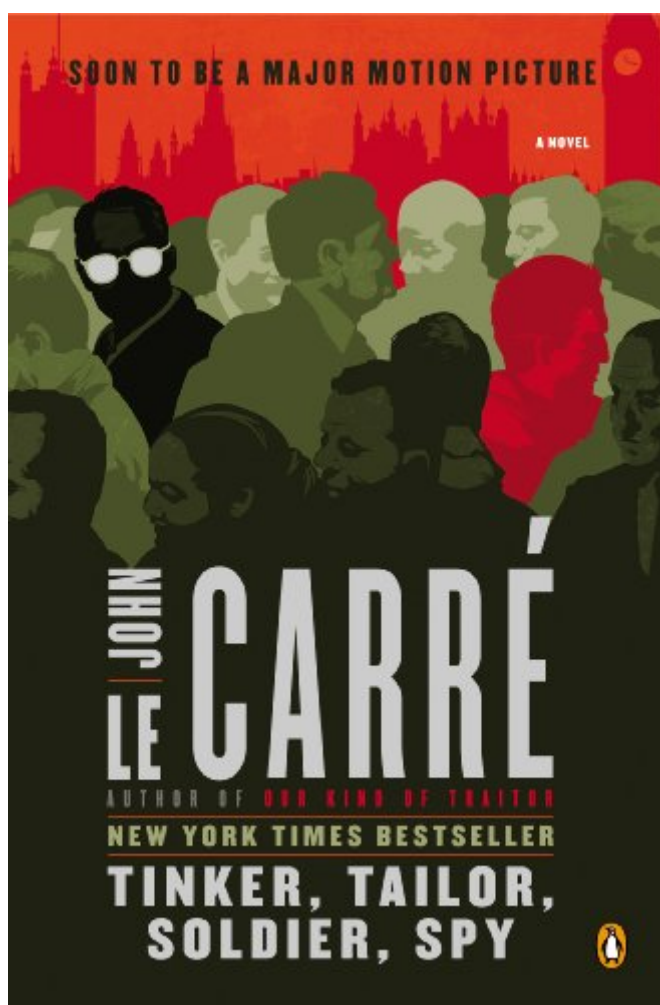


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# Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy: A George Smiley Novel (George Smiley Novels Book 5)



## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*; and *The Night Manager*, now a television series starring Tom Hiddleston. John le Carré's new novel, *A Legacy of Spies*, will be available from Viking in Fall 2017. The man he knew as "Control" is dead, and the young Turks who forced him out now run the Circus. But George Smiley isn't quite ready for retirement—especially when a pretty, would-be defector surfaces with a shocking accusation: a Soviet mole has penetrated the highest level of British Intelligence. Relying only on his wits and a small, loyal cadre, Smiley recognizes the hand of Karla—his Moscow Centre nemesis—and sets a trap to catch the traitor. The Oscar-nominated feature film adaptation of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* is directed by Tomas Alfredson (*Let the Right One In*) and features Gary Oldman as Smiley, Academy Award winner Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*), and Tom Hardy (*Inception*). With an introduction by the author.

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## Customer Reviews

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, paranoid, 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 Carré. 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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