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Editorial Review

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It would be an international crime to reveal too much of the jeweled clockwork plot of Le Carré's first masterpiece, *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*. But we are at liberty to disclose that Graham Greene called it the "finest spy story ever written," and that the taut tale concerns Alec Leamas, a British agent in early Cold War Berlin. Leamas is responsible for keeping the double agents under his care undercover and alive, but East Germans start killing them, so he gets called back to London by Control, his spy master. Yet instead of giving Leamas the boot, Control gives him a scary assignment: play the part of a disgraced agent, a sodden failure everybody whispers about. Control sends him back out into the cold--deep into Communist territory to checkmate the bad-guy spies on the other side. The political chessboard is black and white, but in human terms the vicinity of the Berlin Wall is a moral no-man's land, a gray abyss patrolled by pawns.

Le Carré beats most spy writers for two reasons. First, he knows what he's talking about, since he raced around working for British Intelligence while the Wall went up. He's familiar with spycraft's fascinations, but also with the fact that it leaves ideals shaken and emotions stirred. Second, his literary tone has deep autobiographical roots. Spying is about betrayal, and Le Carré was abandoned by his mother and betrayed by his father, a notorious con man. (They figure heavily in his novels *Single & Single* and *A Perfect Spy*.) In a world of lies, Le Carré writes the bitter truth: it's every man for himself. And may the best mask win. --*Tim Appelo*

Review

"What his most satisfying about John le Carré's first great success—first of many, as it turned out—is how well it holds up on this, its 50th anniversary."—Jonathan Yardley, *Washington Post*

"The best spy story I have ever read."—Graham Greene

"First-rate and tremendously exciting."—Daphne du Maurier

"Le Carré is one of the best novelists—of any kind—we have."—*Vanity Fair*

"Written...with a pitiless, elegant clarity. *The Spy who Came in from the Cold* is a first-rate thriller and more."—*Time*

From the Inside Flap

"Le Carré is simply the world's greatest fictional spymaster."

NEWSWEEK

For Leamas the espionage business has become an hermetic, enclosed world, detached from outside reality. He has watched his last agent being shot, crossing from East to West Berlin, and his death marks the end of the Circus' East German network. But Control is planning an operation against the head of East German Intelligence. And Leamas is to be the instrument, set in East one last time....

Users Review

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Priscilla McCreary:

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