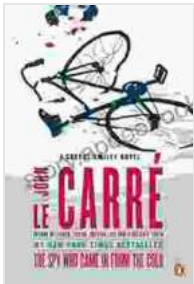


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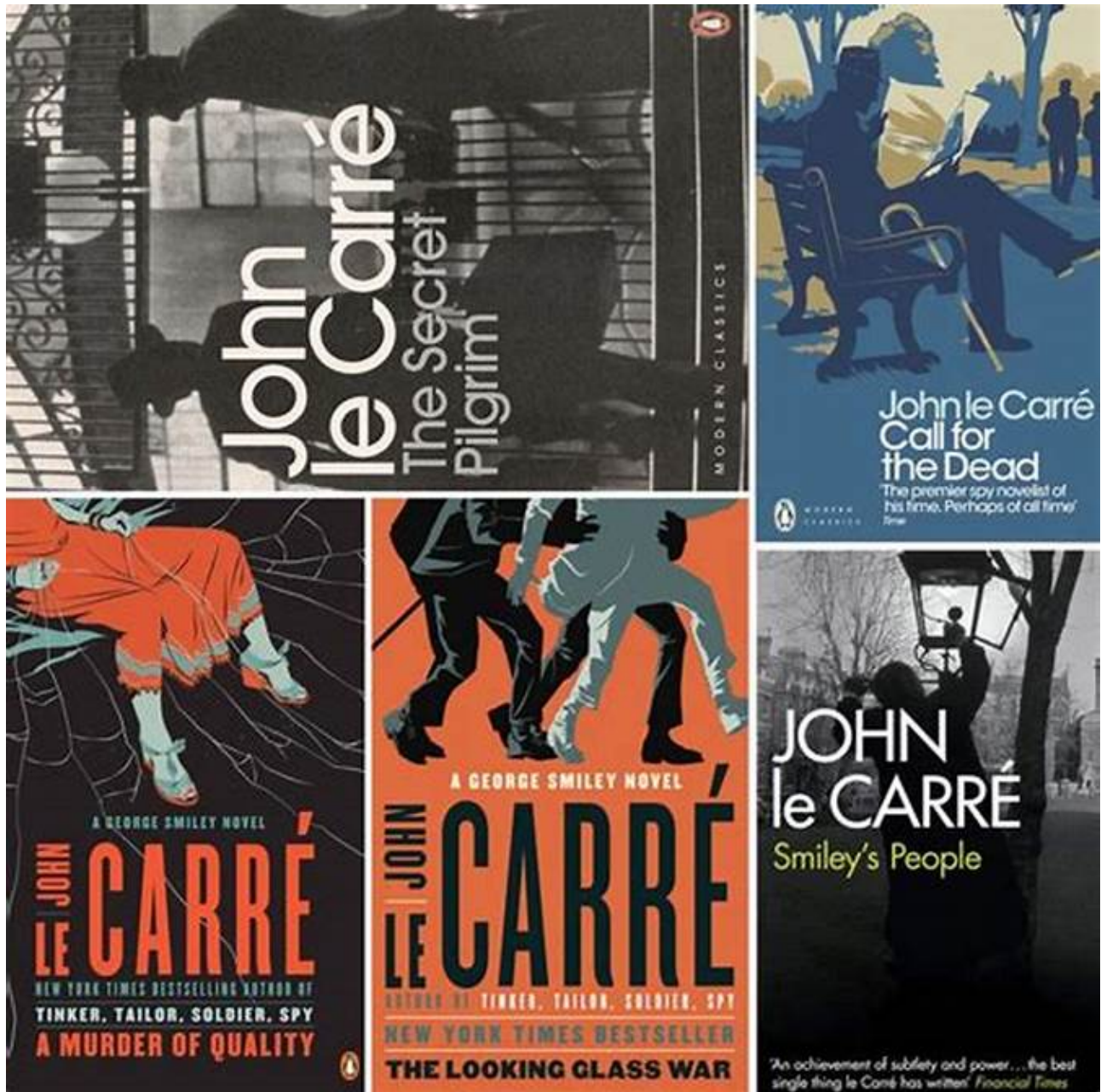
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## Background

George Smiley was born in 1906 to a wealthy family in London. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, and he joined the British Secret Service in 1935. Smiley quickly rose through the ranks, and by the early 1950s, he was one of the most senior officers in the service. In 1956, Smiley was appointed head of the Circus, the British intelligence agency.

Smiley's time as head of the Circus was marked by a number of major successes, including the capture of the Soviet spy Kim Philby. However, Smiley was also involved in a number of controversial operations, including the Suez Crisis and the Profumo Affair. Smiley resigned as head of the Circus in 1962, but he continued to work as a consultant for the service.

## **Smiley's Character**

Smiley is a complex and enigmatic character. He is a brilliant spymaster, but he is also a deeply flawed human being. Smiley is a loner, and he has few close friends. He is also haunted by the death of his wife, Ann, who was killed in a car accident in 1940.

Despite his flaws, Smiley is a deeply sympathetic character. He is a man of integrity and courage, and he is always willing to fight for what he believes in. Smiley is also a great lover of literature and music, and he has a deep appreciation for the human condition.

## **Smiley's Missions**

Smiley has been involved in a number of thrilling missions over the course of his career. In *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, Smiley is tasked with hunting down a Soviet mole within the Circus. In *Smiley's People*, Smiley investigates the disappearance of a British agent in Czechoslovakia. And in *The Honourable Schoolboy*, Smiley is sent to Hong Kong to investigate a Chinese defector.

Smiley's missions are always dangerous and complex, but he always manages to overcome the odds. He is a master of espionage, and he is always one step ahead of his opponents.

## **Smiley's Legacy**

Smiley is one of the most enduring characters in literature. He has been praised by critics and readers alike for his complexity, his intelligence, and his courage. Smiley is a true hero, and he is a role model for anyone who believes in fighting for what is right.

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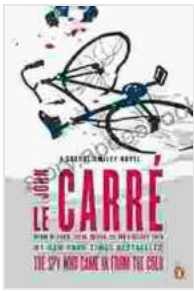
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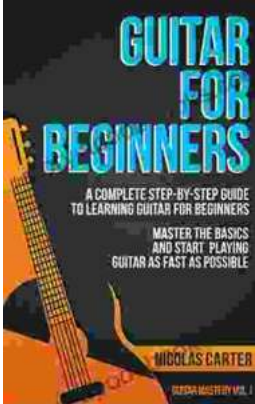
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