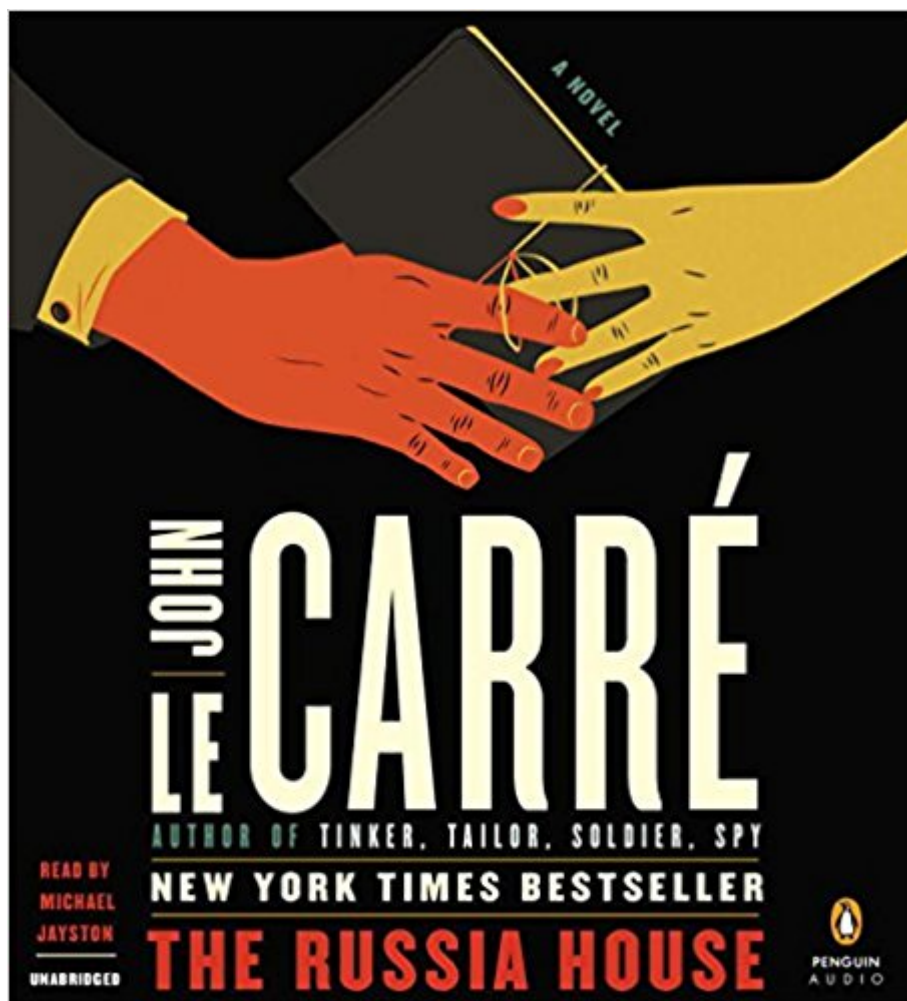




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"The Soviet knight is dying inside his armour. Glasnost is on everyone's lips, but the rules of the game haven't changed for either side. When a beautiful Russian woman foists off a manuscript on an unwitting bystander at the Moscow Book Fair, it's a miracle that she flies under the Soviets' radar. Or does she? The woman's source (codename: Bluebird) will trust only Barley Blair, a whiskey-soaked gentleman publisher with a poet's heart. Coerced by British and American Intelligence, Blair journeys to Moscow to determine whether Bluebird's manuscript contains the truth or the darkest of fictions. At once poignant and suspenseful, John le Carré's *The Russia House* is a captivating saga of lives caught in the crosshairs of history.

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"Thrilling in every imaginable way. People's plot of commanding suspense. The Russia House is both afire and thought-provoking, a thriller that demands a second reading. Time

New York Times bestselling author John le Carré (A Delicate Truth and A Spy Who Came in from the Cold) was born in 1931 and attended the universities of Bern and Oxford. He taught at Eton and served briefly in British Intelligence during the Cold War. For the last fifty years

he has lived by his pen. He divides his time between London and Cornwall. Michael Jayston is a highly regarded British actor, having appeared in numerous films, among them Cromwell, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Zulu Dawn, and Nicholas and Alexandra. His many television credits include The Royal, Doctors, Emmerdale, Murder in Suburbia, and Only Fools and Horses, while on stage he has been seen in Henry V and Hamlet, as well as Private Lives and The Rivals.

This isn't my favorite book by the author, but it still enshrines everything I think readers love about Le Carre. Spy craft for him is always a sordid affair, relying more on manipulating men and women otherwise innocent of geopolitics instead of guns, tanks, missiles, or Q Branch gadgets. Fans of the genre who want more of this game theory approach at the expense of an exciting plot will like this book - which is still superior to the cinematic effort, even with Mr. Connery's assistance.

Not only is John le Carre a master of the spy novel, but again he proves in this CD version that he is a master of reading his spy novels. Highly recommended.

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