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The Spy Master

Later this month the Sundance Film Festival is slated to be the venue for the release of the latest adaptation of the work of David Cornwell, more famously known as John Le Carré, whose novels of Cold War espionage are considered among the greatest of the genre. This novel, published in 2008, takes place in what may be an even darker, more frigid combat zone -- the war against terror post 9/11.

Featured this Month

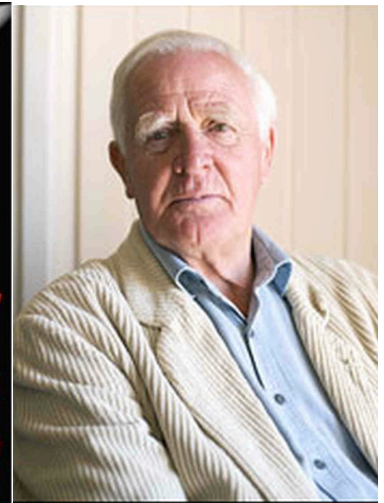
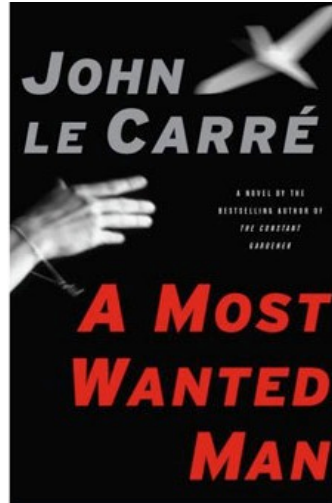
A Most Wanted Man by John Le Carré

Tommy Brue, ex-pat Briton, head of a private bank in Hamburg, Germany. is not the solid, contented, upright latter-day burgher he appears to be. His job is a bore; his marriage even more so, and he is hiding a guilty conscience about a money laundering scheme at the foundation of his bank that was passed down to him from his father.

Crashing suddenly into his moral ambivalence comes Annabel Richter, attorney for an organization representing immigrants who seek to be naturalized in Germany as citizens, many of them refugees from the turmoils of the Middle East. Tommy is immediately attracted. There is no moral ambivalence about Annabel; she is a champion of the wretched refuse of teeming shores, and her latest client --Issa - seems badly in need of a protector.

Issa is not, however, your typical refugee. A devout Muslim, often incoherent, perhaps even deranged, he has arrived in Hamburg from a murky past in Chechnya among terrorists in training camps and prisons, and though initially living on street, he has mysterious resources.

Money and terrorism are the business of intelligence agent Gunther Bachman, who lives within the shadow cast upon Hamburg, a liberal, tolerant city,



that just happened to have been a staging ground for the 9/11 plotters.

When Annabel comes to claim, on Issa's behalf, a fortune deposited at Tommy's bank by the shady Red Army General who was Issa's father, the enigmatic refugee becomes a "person of interest" to Bachman as well as the intelligence agents of several countries eager to enlist Tommy in their efforts to uncover the trail of terrorist financing no matter what or who gets trampled in the hunt.

As in his early masterworks, Le Carré once again weaves his tale around the treacherous heart of espionage: the desires, the dissembling, the confidence game of relationships between people who will ultimately, inevitably, betray one another.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

After our holiday hiatus in January, the Library Bake Sale is coming back to its usual time and place next month. Look for our table in front of the post office on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 :00 -1:00. Come and get your goodies!

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Films on DVD

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
Death Sentence
Fetching Cody
The Junction Boys
New in Town
Beowulf
Monkey with 72 Magic & Ninja Untouchables
Shogun Ninja
Never Surrender
Eastern Horror (*Robo Vampire; Devil's Dynamite*)
Prehistoric Park (*T-Rex; Mammoth*)
21
American Chinatown
Blackwoods
The Darkest Hour
Empire of the Wolves
The Eye
Fear
Game 6
Laurel Canyon
Limitless
Mary Reilly
The Proposal
Ring
Risk
Lost Voyage
Snake Eater II: The Drug Buster
Sci-Fi Invasion (4 movies)
How Art Made the World

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

Nonfiction

The Shadow Catcher-a U S agent infiltrates Mexico's deadly crime cartels by Hipolito Acosta with Lisa Pulitzer
The Politics of Experience and the Bird of Paradise by R D Liang
Wisdom, Madness & Folly-the making of a psychiatrist by R D Liang

Mystery

Still Life by Louise Penny
Jewels of Paradise by Donna Leon

Books on CD:

Broken Prey by John Sandford

Fiction

One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus
The Old Lonesome by Carol Benson
Sharp Objects by Gilliam Flynn
Dark Places by Gillian Flynn
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
Friend of My Youth by Alice Munro
The Progress of Love by Alice Munro
Doctor Sleep by Stephen King

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Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, January 15

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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