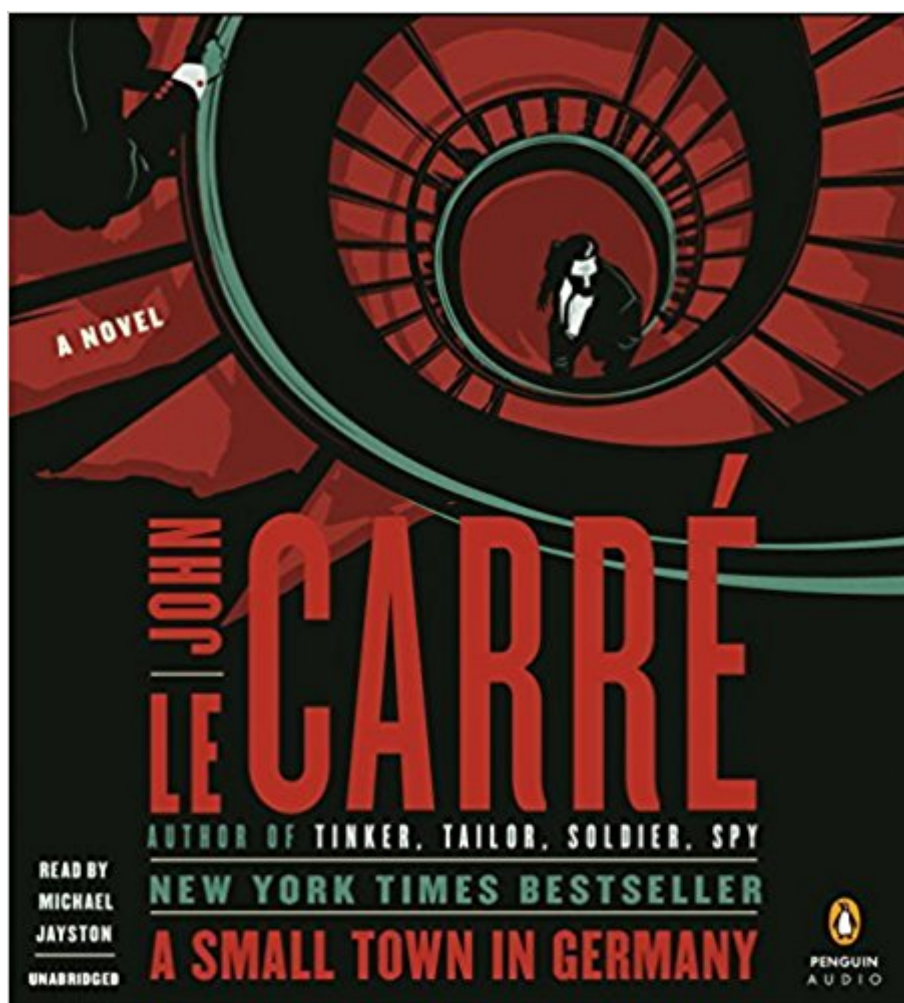


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New York Times bestselling author John le Carré (*A Delicate Truth* and *Spy Who Came in from the Cold*) was born in 1931 and attended the universities of Bern and Oxford. He taught at Eton and served briefly in British Intelligence during the Cold War. For the last fifty years he has lived by his pen. He divides his time between London and Cornwall.

I am revisiting John Le Carre bit by bit. I had not read this one, and took a chance. And what did I find? A diamond. As with all Le Carre books, you have to be a bit patient. Get through the "british" slang, and you are off and running. You really feel the tightening of the noose around the disaster in the making in a British embassy. You get a sense of the machine-like investigator - angry, challenging, threatening. Both jury, judge and executioner. And the condemned? Well, that is what is always in the back of one's mind: who is the condemned? The thief, or the enablers. In that regard, the reader will wonder why the entire embassy staff wasn't arrested and set back to England in shackles. The plotting is well done, indeed. Truly an enjoyable read.

Not one of le Carre's best. He goes too far with his characteristic style to a point where it's difficult to make sense of the story.

a little confusing to follow sometimes.

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An early Le Carre novel that sets the table for the great ones to follow. A terrific psychological cold war thriller that uncannily anticipates Brexit. Highly recommended.

This book is so timely, and Le Carre is such a brilliant writer. His use of language blows me away. His cynicism is brutal.

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