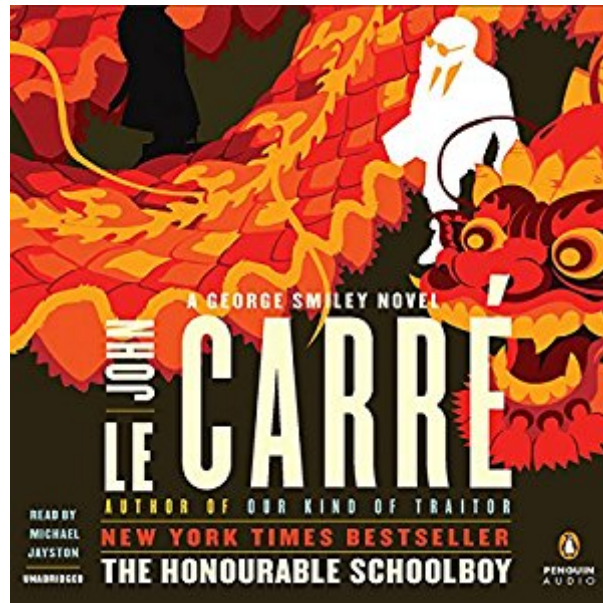


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Synopsis

As the fall of Saigon looms, master spy George Smiley must outmaneuver his Soviet counterpart on a battlefield that neither can afford to lose. The mole has been eliminated, but the damage wrought has brought the British Secret Service to its knees. Given charge of the gravely compromised Circus, George Smiley embarks on a campaign to uncover what Moscow Centre most wants to hide. When the trail goes cold at a Hong Kong gold seam, Smiley dispatches Gerald Westerby to shake the money tree. A part-time operative with cover as a philandering journalist, Westerby insinuates himself into a war-torn world where allegiances - and lives - are bought and sold. Brilliantly plotted and morally complex, *The Honourable Schoolboy* is the second installment of John le Carré's renowned Karla trilogy, and a riveting portrayal of post-colonial espionage.

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Customer Reviews

Following the events of *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* the British intelligence agency known as the Circus is in disarray. Following the revelation of a traitor within in its highest echelons, its reputation is in tatters, its budget cut and its very existence is in question. The man who uncovered the traitor, George Smiley, is now the chief of a dying agency and its only hope for survival is to go on the offensive. *The Honourable Schoolboy* is the story of what happens next. Unlike *Tinker* which was set entirely in Britain (minus reminiscences and flashbacks), le Carre splits the story of this novel across two continents. On one continent is George Smiley running the Circus and the operation that will hopefully redeem it. To do that, le Carre brings back many of the supporting characters he used in

Tinker such as Smiley's right hand man Peter Guillam and the eccentric researcher Connie Sachs to name two such people. The main narrative takes place on the other side of the world in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia where former newspaper reporter and occasional Circus agent Jerry Westerby (introduced as one of the supporting characters in Tinker) is sent to follow up information the Circus has obtained about Hong Kong Fat Cat Drake Ko. As a result, the novel is split up far more than Tinker was something that is both good and bad. On the good side is its introduction of an all new series of character's and locations. The new character's range from the mysterious Liese, Hong Kong Fat Cat Drake Ko, CIA agents Martello and Murphy and aging Hong Kong journalist Bill Crow. Really though it is the locations that give the novel a much different feel from its predecessor.

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