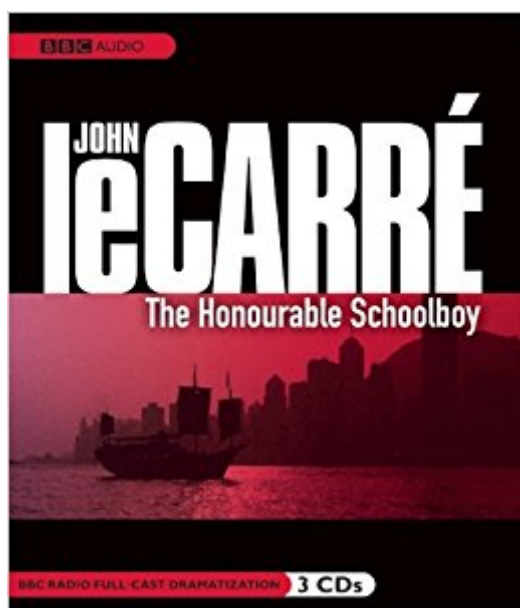


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John le Carré was born in 1931. After attending the universities of Berne and Oxford, he taught

at Eton and spent five years in the British Foreign Service. The Spy Who Came In from the Cold, his third book, secured him a worldwide reputation. His novel The Constant Gardener was made into a successful film. He divides his time between England and the Continent.

The BBC dramatization of La Carre's classic is well done, however I found myself wanting the entire novel in an unabridged format instead of the made-for-radio abridged version presented. (thus three stars instead of five). The story, set late in America's role in Indochina, in 1975, presents a compelling view of the espionage business through Le Carre's studied pen. The characters are vivid, flawed, human and intrigue the listener as the professional cast bring them to life. The 3 CD's will leave you wanting to read or re-read the original work and it's highly recommended. White Powder: A novel of the CIA and the Secret War in Laos

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