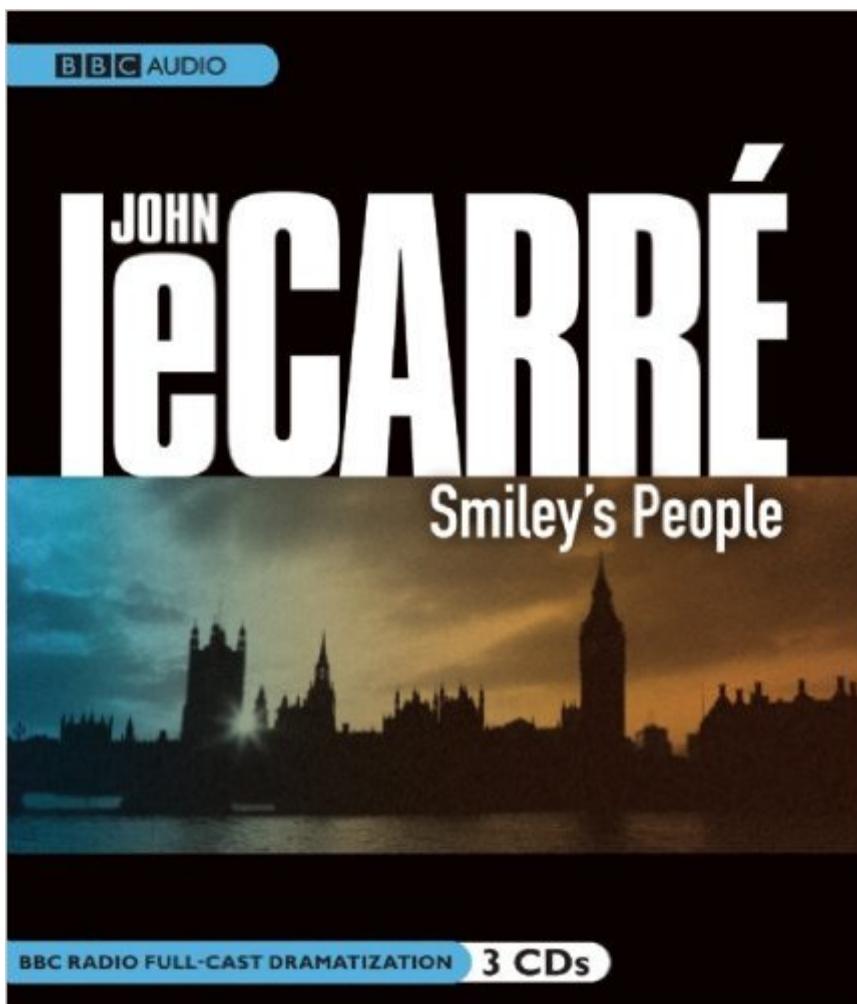


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# Smiley's People: A BBC Full-Cast Radio Drama (BBC Radio Series)



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When a Russian émigré is found murdered on Hampstead Heath, Smiley is called out of retirement to exorcise some Cold War ghosts from his clandestine past. What follows is Smiley the human being at his most vulnerable and Smiley the case officer at his most brilliant, and it takes to a thrilling conclusion his career-long, serpentine battle with his great rival and nemesis, the enigmatic and ruthless Russian spymaster Karla.

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## Customer Reviews

Smiley's People is the final installment of the trilogy that tells of the struggle between George Smiley, British spy extraordinaire, and Karla, his Russian counterpart. George is called out of retirement to investigate the death of a Russian defector from his earlier days at the agency. As usual the trail is absolutely Byzantine, but it leads him toward an opportunity that could finally bring his nemesis Karla down. I won't reveal any more of the plot because novels like this depend too much on the specific twists and turns for their entertainment value. To some extent, it's a waste of time reviewing the third book in a trilogy. If you haven't read them, you should really read *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* and *The Honourable Schoolboy* before even thinking about this book. If you have, and liked them, you want to know how the story ends and you'll read *Smiley's People* regardless of the reviews. If you didn't like them, then even glowing reviews probably won't be enough to get you across the finish line. For the few people on the fence, here's my two cents. Le

Carre' is an undisputed master of the spy novel and in many respects he's on the top of his game here. Of the three books in the trilogy, this was by far the easiest and most straightforward to read. It's the only one that uses a classic third party narrator perspective and the story is relatively simple (for a spy novel). I found the story and many of the characters interesting.

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