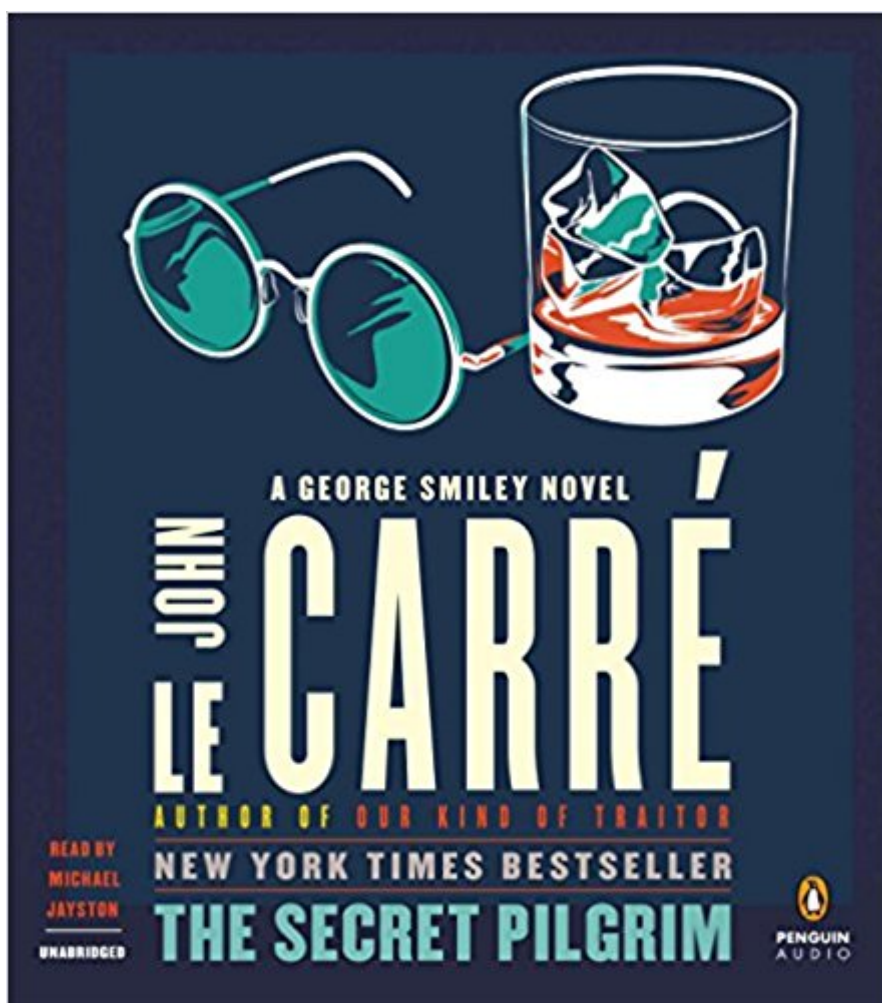


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New York Times bestselling author John le Carré (*A Delicate Truth* and *Spy Who Came in from the Cold*) was born in 1931 and attended the universities of Bern and Oxford. He taught at Eton and served briefly in British Intelligence during the Cold War. For the last fifty years he has lived by his pen. He divides his time between London and Cornwall. Michael Jayston is a highly-regarded British actor, having appeared in numerous films, among them *Cromwell*, *A*

Mid-summer Night's Dream, Zulu Dawn, and Nicholas and Alexandra. His many television credits include The Royal, Doctors, Emmerdale, Murder in Suburbia, and Only Fools and Horses, while on stage he has been seen in Henry V and Hamlet, as well as Private Lives and The Rivals.

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I'm about 2/3 through listening to this wonderful reading of the novel. The reader has a wonderful British voice so perfect for LeCarre and the interior thoughts of Ned. Even better, when he quotes Smiley, he almost exactly reproduces the voice of the elderly Alec Guinness (who played Smiley in the BBC TV versions of the Karla trilogy).

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