

CYCLOPAEDIA 10 — ESPIONAGE

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OVERVIEW

Espionage, sometimes simply called spying, focuses on obtaining secret information in the service of a government, for a company, or independently. Colloquially, it is called the second oldest profession. While the real world work of espionage can be dangerous and spectacular, the day-to-day nature of it can also be rather boring research, surveillance, and meeting contacts. Literature and cinema have glorified and romanticized the work of spies and intelligence agencies expanding upon their clandestine missions, infiltration, sabotage, intelligence gathering, assassination, and super technology...plus adding super villains, secret societies and organizations, and massive hidden bases.

Spying is an ancient art. The Christian Bible talks of Joshua, Caleb, and ten other spies entering the Promised Land. Sun-Tau writes of deception and subversion in his Art of War. Most early empires utilized spies to expand and succeed in their conquests. Military intelligence has been the key to knowing the enemy and triumphing in war. Today, government agencies are devoted to intelligence gathering and some corporations fund and support industrial espionage.

The modern spy novel really came of its own in the 19th century, developed during the World Wars, and gained prominence during the Cold War. Cinema quickly jumped into spy stories even in the silent era because of fears of the Great War. The Cold War of the 1960s brought spy literature and films to their peak. From

serious political thrillers to farcical over-the-top romanticized comedies, spies were everywhere. Books, TV Shows, and Movies each had their famous spy of choice who became household names (Agent 99, James Bond, Matt Helm, Emma Peel, Jim Phelps, Maxwell Smart, Napoleon Solo, John Steed, Simon Templar, etc.).

The political unrest and threat of terrorism today breed renewed interest in espionage, in the news and as entertainment.

ESPIONAGE STORY ELEMENTS

Spy stories can be realistic or fantasy-based, but they often have common elements we recognize quickly that draw us in. These elements are based in reality but can quickly veer into the world of science fiction.

- Acronyms
- Agencies
- Evil Organizations
- Exotic Locales
- Gadgets
- Global Threats
- Hidden Bases
- Super Spies
- Villains

Following are sources of information pertaining to Espionage to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

***One Fight, One Team: The 9/11
Commission Report on Intelligence,
Fragmentation and Information***

By de Bruin, Hans

Source: Public Administration, v84 n2 (June 2006): 267-287

Whether Spies Too Can Be Saved

By Cole, Darrell

Source: Journal of Religious Ethics, v36 n1 (March 2008): 125-154

BOOKS

Above Suspicion

By McInnes, Helen

Ashenden

by Maugham, Somerset

Assignment to Disaster

By Aarons, Edward

The Bourne Identity

by Ludlum, Robert

Casino Royale

By Fleming, Ian

The Day of the Jackal

By Forsyth, Frederick

Death of a Citizen

By Hamilton, Donald

East of Farewell

By Hunt, E. Howard

Eye of the Needle

By Follet, Ken

Flight of the Intruder

By Coonts, Stephen

The Hunt for Red October

By Clancy, Tom

The Impossible Virgin

By O'Donnell, Peter

The IPCRESS File

By Deighton, Len

The Manchurian Candidate

By Condon, Richard

The Mystery of Tunnel 51

By Wilson, Alexander

Night Soldiers

By Furst, Alan

Operation Mincemeat

By Macintyre, Ben

Our Man in Havana

By Green, Graham

The Riddle of the Sands

By Childers, Robert

Run, Spy, Run

By Avallone, Michael and Moolman, Valerie

The Scarlet Pimpernel

By Orczy, Baroness

Second Ministry

By Cory, Desmond

***The Second Oldest Profession: Spies and
Spying in the Twentieth Century***

By Knightley, Phillip

The Secret Agent

By Conrad, Joseph

Secrets, Lies, Gizmos and Spies: A History of Spies and Espionage

By Coleman, Janet Wyman

The Spy Who Came in from the Cold

By le Carré, John,

The Thirty-Nine Steps

By Buchan, John

Tinker, Tailer, Soldier, Spy

By le Carré, John

GAMES

1955: The War of Espionage - Tabletop Game

Ace of Spies - Tabletop Games

Agents of Oblivion - RPG

Agents of SMERSH - Tabletop Game

Agents of S.W.I.N.G. - RPG

City of Spies: Estoril 1942 - Tabletop Game

Cold War: CIA vs KGB - Tabletop Game

Confusion: Espionage and Deception in the Cold War - Tabletop Game

Conspiracy - Tabletop Game

Conspiracy X - RPG

Covert - Tabletop Game

Danger International - RPG

Espionage! - RPG

GoldenEye - Computer Game

Inkognito - Tabletop Game

James Bond 007 - RPG

Leverage - RPG

The Laundry - RPG

Mercenaries, Spies and Private Eyes - RPG

Metal Gear Solid - Computer Game

Night's Black Agents - RPG

Ninjas & Superspies - RPG

No One Lives Forever - Computer Game

Over the Edge - RPG

The Resistance - Tabletop Game

Spector Ops - Tabletop Game

Spies! - Tabletop Game

Splinter Cell - Computer Game

Spycraft - RPG

Spy Hunter - - Computer Game

Spy or Die Trying - Tabletop Game

Top Secret - RPG

CINEMA

24 - TV Show

39 Steps

Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. - TV Show

Alias - TV Show

The Americans - TV Show

Archer - Cartoon

Argo

Austin Powers

The Avengers - TV Show/Movie

The Bionic Woman - TV Show

Bourne Identity

Bridge of Spies

Burn Notice - TV Show

Casino Royale

Chuck - TV Show

Covert Affairs - TV Show

Danger Man/Secret Agent Man - TV Show

Dark Angel - TV Show

Despicable Me 2

Dollhouse - TV Show

Get Smart - TV Show/Movie

Homeland - TV Show

The IPCRESS File

I Spy - TV Show

Jake 2.0 - TV Show

James Bond movies

Kingsman

La Femme Nikita - TV Show
MacGyver - TV Show
The Manchurian Candidate
The Man from U.N.C.L.E. - TV Show/Movie
The Man Who Knew Too Much
The Man With One Red Shoe
Mission: Impossible - TV Show/Movies
Mr. & Mrs. Smith
Nikita
North By Northwest
Notorious
No Way Out
OSS 117: Cairo, Nest of Spies
Patriot Games
The Prisoner - TV Show
RED
Remo Williams: The Adventure Begins
Ronin
The Saint - TV Show
Salt
Scarecrow and Mrs. King - TV Show
The Scarlet Pimpernel
She Spies - TV Show
The Silencers
The Six Million Dollar Man - TV Show
Sneakers
Spies Like Us
Spooks - TV Show
Spy Game
Spy Kids
The Spy Who Came in from the Cold
Three Days of the Condor
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy
True Lies
U-571
Vantage Point
Wild Wild West - TV Show
XXX
Zero Dark Thirty

LOCATIONS

CIA Headquarters Tour
<https://www.cia.gov/about-cia/headquarters-tour/>

 Churchill War Rooms
<http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/churchill-war-rooms>

 International Spy Museum
<http://www.spymuseum.org/>

 Pentagon
<https://pentagontours.osd.mil/Tours/>

 Spy Museum Berlin
<http://www.spymuseumberlin.com/en/>

PEOPLE

Robert Baden-Powell
 James Bond
 Belle Boyd
 Giacomo Casanova
 Julia Child
 Sean Connery
 Mansfield Cumming
 William J. Donovan
 Fritz Joubert Duquesne
 Ian Fleming
 Nathan Hale
 Mata Hari
 William Melville
 Roger Moore
 Kim Philby
 Sidney Reilly
 The Rosenbergs
 Allan Pinkerton
 William Stephenson
 Elizabeth Van Lew