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From the Inside Flap

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With the incomparable opening chapter of *Call for the Dead*, titled "A Brief History of George Smiley," John Le Carré introduces his legendary spy and immediately ensnares you in the shadowy world Smiley inhabits.

Pulled back from overseas duty during World War II, Smiley was redirected to face the threats of the Cold War. He had been asked to interview Samuel Fennan of the Foreign Office after an anonymous letter accused Fennan of Communist Party membership. Smiley's report cleared him of the allegations, so he was stunned to learn that Fennan had died the day after the interview, leaving a suicide note that claimed his career had been ruined. Investigating circumstances that make no sense to him, Smiley gradually uncovers a spy ring and in so doing is led into a lethal duel of wits with the best of his war-time pupils.

Call for the Dead marks the beginning of John Le Carré's brilliant literary career, just as it launches the life of one of the most memorable fictional characters of the twentieth century.

John Le Carré is the author of *The Spy Who Came In from the Cold*; *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*; *Smiley's People*; *The Tailor of Panama*; *The Constant Gardener*; and many other best-selling titles, including this most recent novel, *Absolute Friends*. He lives in Cornwall, England.

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