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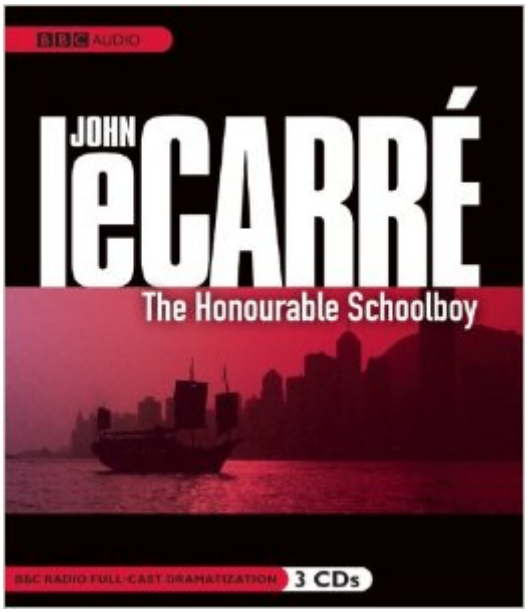

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Synopsis

George Smiley is one of the most brilliantly realized characters in British fiction. Bespectacled, tubby, eternally middle-aged and deceptively ordinary, he has a mind like a steel trap and is said to possess "the cunning of Satan and the conscience of a virgin." Smiley, now head of the Circus, must rebuild trust in the shattered organization. He is also determined to destroy his nemesis, Karla, and his spy networks. He recruits Jerry Westerby, occasional spy, occasional news reporter, full-time romantic – the Honourable Schoolboy of the title – and despatches him to the Far East, where, amidst the corruption and decay of former colonies, a new battle is about to begin...Starring the award-winning Simon Russell Beale as Smiley, and with a star cast including Hugh Bonneville, Maggie Steed and Anna Chancellor, this gripping dramatization perfectly captures the atmosphere of le CarrÃ©â ™s intricate, intriguing novel.

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Customer Reviews

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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