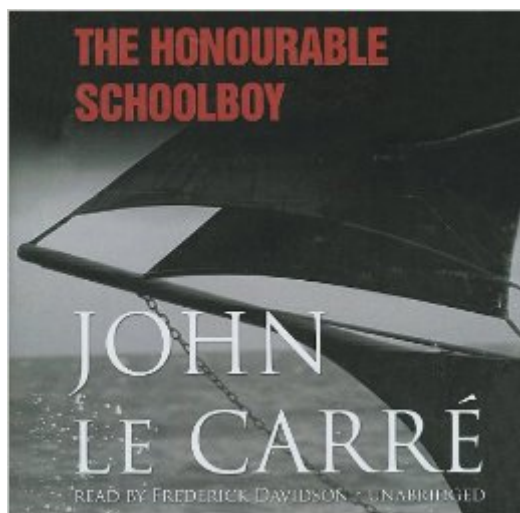


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# The Honourable Schoolboy (George Smiley)



## Synopsis

George Smiley has become acting chief of the Circus, but the credibility of the British Secret Service has been shattered. Smiley's adversary is Karla, the Soviet officer who masterminded the Circus's ruin. His battleground is Hong Kong and his choice of weapons is the Honourable Gerald Westerby.

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Following the events of Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy the British intelligence agency known as the Circus is in disarray. Following the revelation of a traitor within in its highest echelons, its reputation is in tatters, its budget cut and its very existence is in question. The man who uncovered the traitor, George Smiley, is now the chief of a dying agency and its only hope for survival is to go on the offensive. The Honourable Schoolboy is the story of what happens next. Unlike Tinker which was set entirely in Britain (minus reminiscences and flashbacks), Le Carre splits the story of this novel across two continents. On one continent is George Smiley running the Circus and the operation that will hopefully redeem it. To do that, Le Carre brings back many of the supporting characters he used in Tinker such as Smiley's right hand man Peter Guillam and the eccentric researcher Connie Sachs to name two such people. The main narrative takes place on the other side of the world in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia where former newspaper reporter and occasional Circus agent Jerry Westerby (introduced as one of the supporting characters in Tinker) is sent to follow up information

the Circus has obtained about Hong Kong Fat Cat Drake Ko. As a result, the novel is split up far more than Tinker was something that is both good and bad. On the good side is its introduction of an all new series of characters and locations. The new characters range from the mysterious Liese, Hong Kong Fat Cat Drake Ko, CIA agents Martello and Murphy and aging Hong Kong journalist Bill Crow. Really though it is the locations that give the novel a much different feel from its predecessor.

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