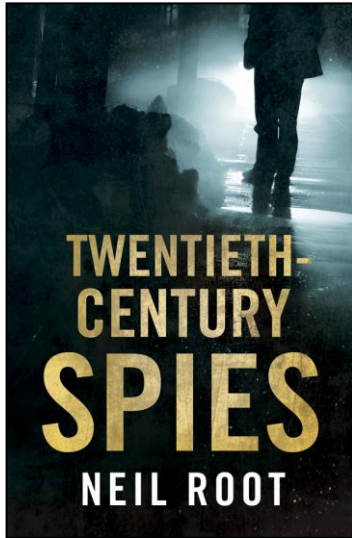


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New book reveals the true-life stories of the most notorious spies
– Le Carré-style heroes or villainous traitors? Or maybe a bit of both?

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