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British Spies

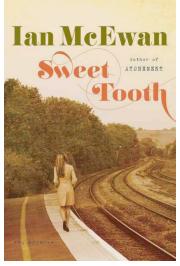
Spy novels set in Britain are almost a literary genre unto themselves, with distinguished writers like John Le Carre delving into and exploring for the layman not only the trade-craft but the delicate psychologies involved in espionage. In this month's featured book, Man Booker Prize winner Ian McEwan takes a turn around MI5 during the Cold War in an unusually intimate tale of a spy and her target.

Featured This Month

Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan

Serena Frome is an attractive young woman recently graduated from university with a rather useless degree in mathematics and a voracious appetite for reading all sorts of things: from the Great Books to pulp fiction. Her older lover, a professor and a talent scout for MI5, the British national security and domestic counter intelligence service, recruits her for what turns out to be a fairly dull clerical job, until one day she is tapped for an actual operation in the field, code named "Sweet Tooth." Because of her background with literature, she is to find a likely struggling author who wants to write the Great British Anti-Communist novel and, fronting for the agency, fund and inspire his work to counterbalance the fashionable radical/leftist preferences of the 1970's literary sphere.

Serena is sent to look over a likely prospect --novelist Thomas Haley. She reads a number of his published stories and decides that he is exactly MI5's cup of tea. When she goes out to interview him, she begins to feel that he might well be hers. With her offer of funding from the "Freedom International Foundation" which is actually a slush fund of the domestic surveillance agency, he is able to work on his novel, and her role as chief encourager becomes that of a clandestine lover





The worm in the rose, however, is her knowledge that she has become involved with him under false pretenses, and she worries what will happen if he should discover that she is actually a spy.

When Haley's novel eventually comes out, it is not what anyone has expected, and indeed it turns out that "Sweet Tooth" itself is not what anyone expected.

McEwan's approach to literary conventions has always been unusual and here once again he surprises us by blurring the worlds of his characters and his readers with a tale that reflects also the author's own biography.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Patrons visiting the Library may wish to read the Archeological Survey Report and Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places for Cultural Sites at the Copper Flat Mine which discusses the possible impacts of renewed mining at Copper Flats. (This document is available only on CD at the Library.)

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New at the Library

Mystery

The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson
Shots Fired by C. J. Box
The Long Way Home by Louise Penny
How the Light Gets In by Louise Penny
Bangkok Haunts by John Burdett
The Godfather of Kathmandu by John Burdett
Taking Eve by Iris Johgansen
Another Death in Venice by Reginald Hill
Fell of Dark by Reginald Hill
No Man's Land by Reginald Hill
Traitor's Blood by Reginald Hill
Steamed to Death by Peg Cochran

LARGE Print Mysteries

Riptide by Catherine Coulter
Born to be Wild by Catherine Coulter (LG print)
Lyon's Gate by Catherine Coulter (LG print)
The Sherbrooke Twins by Catherine Coulter
Bleeding Hearts by Ian Rankin
Thriller, edited by James Paterson

Western

Callaghen by Louis L'Amour The Lonely Men by Louis L'Amour

Fiction

The Music of Chance by Paul Auster Talk by Michael Smerconish

Nonfiction

A Higher Purpose-*Profiles in Presidential Courage* by Thomas Whalen

Broca's Brain by Carl Sagan

Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon

Meacham

Citizen Canine: Our Evolving Relationships with

Cats and Dogs by David Grimm
Citizens of London by Lynne Olson

Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

Music CD

Crossroads by Eric Clapton and others

Films on DVD

America's Sweethearts ... Argo ... The Debt
Battle: Los Angeles ... The Fighter ... Prisoners
Honey, I Blew up the Kid ... Get the Gringo
Lewis & Clark & George... The Captain's Paradise
Kind Hearts and Coronets ... The Ladykillers
The Lavender Hill Mob ... Only God Forgives
The Man in the White Suit ... No One Lives
Dead Man Down ... Carry On ... Grey Gardens
Sleep Easy, Hutch Rimes ... Murph, The Protector
Closed Circuit ... Stand Off ... A Dangerous Man
Johnny ... Mona Lisa Smile ... Otis
American Pickers: The Complete Season One
Fruitvale Station ... The Last Man on Earth
The Weather Man

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Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm