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THE CAMBRIDGE FIVE





**“There must have been a moment, at the beginning, when we could have said—no. But somehow, we missed it.”
—Tom Stoppard, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead***



**Erich and Elisabeth
Vermehren**



**Adam von Trott zu Solz
1909-1944**



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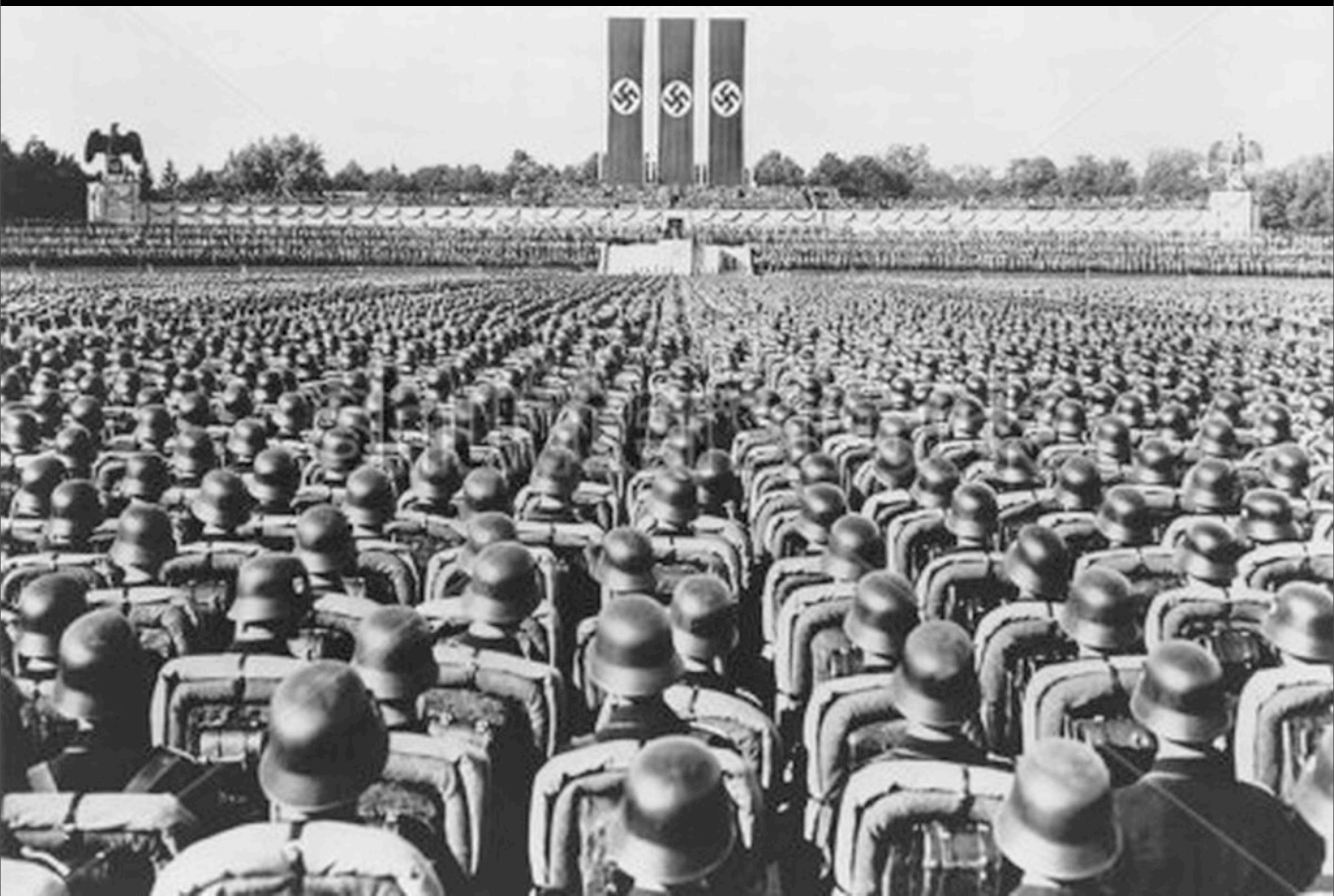
means

Money, Ideology, Compromise,
Ego

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otal power, has a fatal fascination for young intellectuals seek

“So long as Stalin was alive, [Philby] laid his offerings of broken trust, a deadened mind and poisoned human relations on the altar of a cannibal god. It was in the very years of Philby’s most active service—from 1933 to 1951—that Stalin’s reason of state was most odious. Those were the years in which he was carrying out the great purges in Russia, was murdering his anarchist allies in Spain, was making his cynical pact with Hitler, was sending assassins to destroy Trotsky in Mexico, was liquidating Poles and Balts, was finally carrying his wholesale purges into the heart of Europe. For a highly intelligent man to be able to make such a sacrifice demands, in the first instance, a religious conversion of blinding force.” —Hugh Trevor-Roper

THE CAMBRIDGE APOSTLES

*A History of Cambridge University's
Elite Intellectual Secret Society*



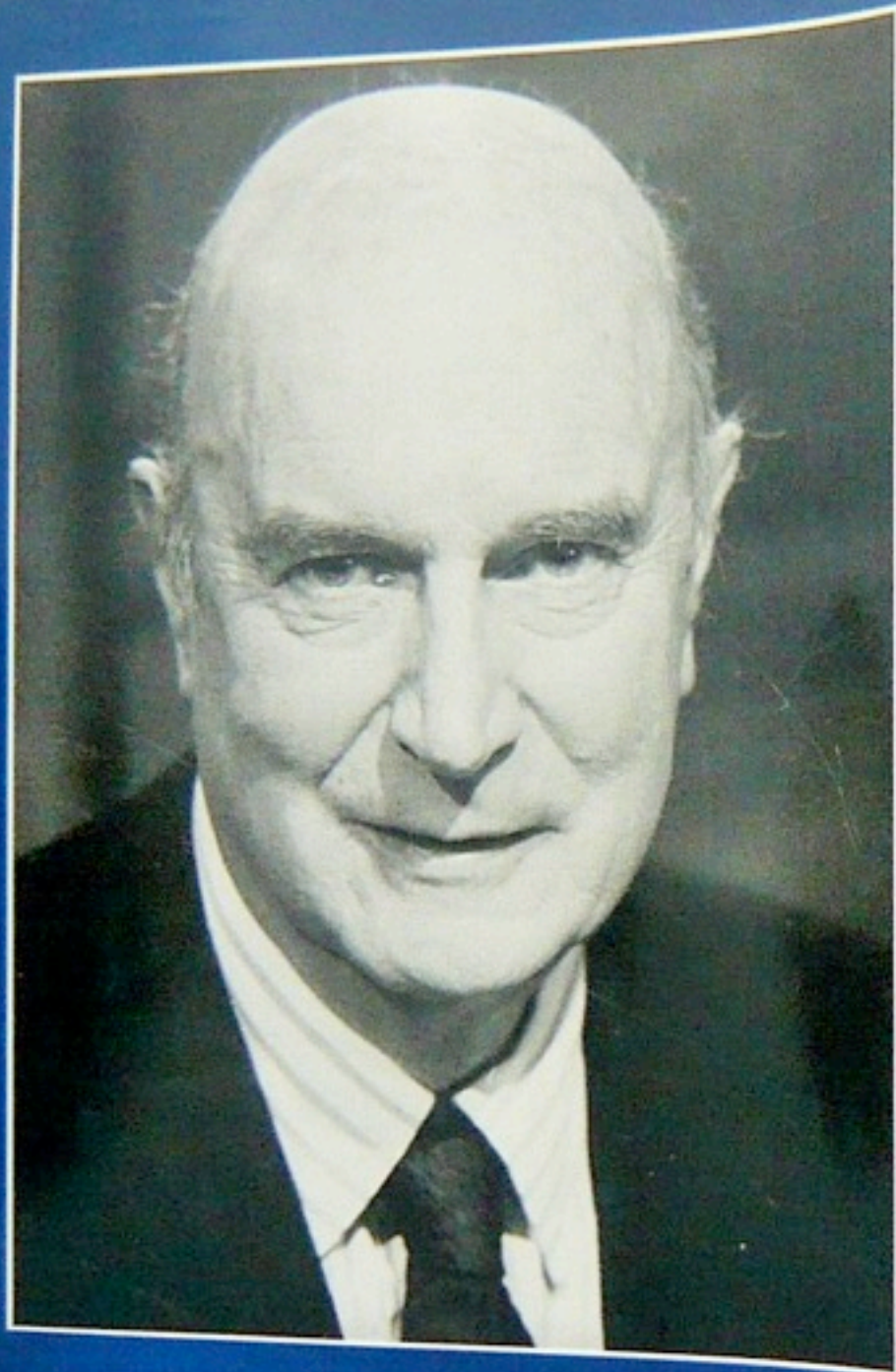
RICHARD DEACON







“The Russian experiment has aroused very great interest... It is felt to be bold and constructive, and youth, which is always impatient of the cautious delays and obstruction of its elders, is disposed to regard sympathetically... this attempt to found a new social and political order.” — The *Cambridge Review*, January 1934



OUR
AGE
—
NOEL
ANNAN

OUR AGE

PORTRAIT
OF A GENERATION

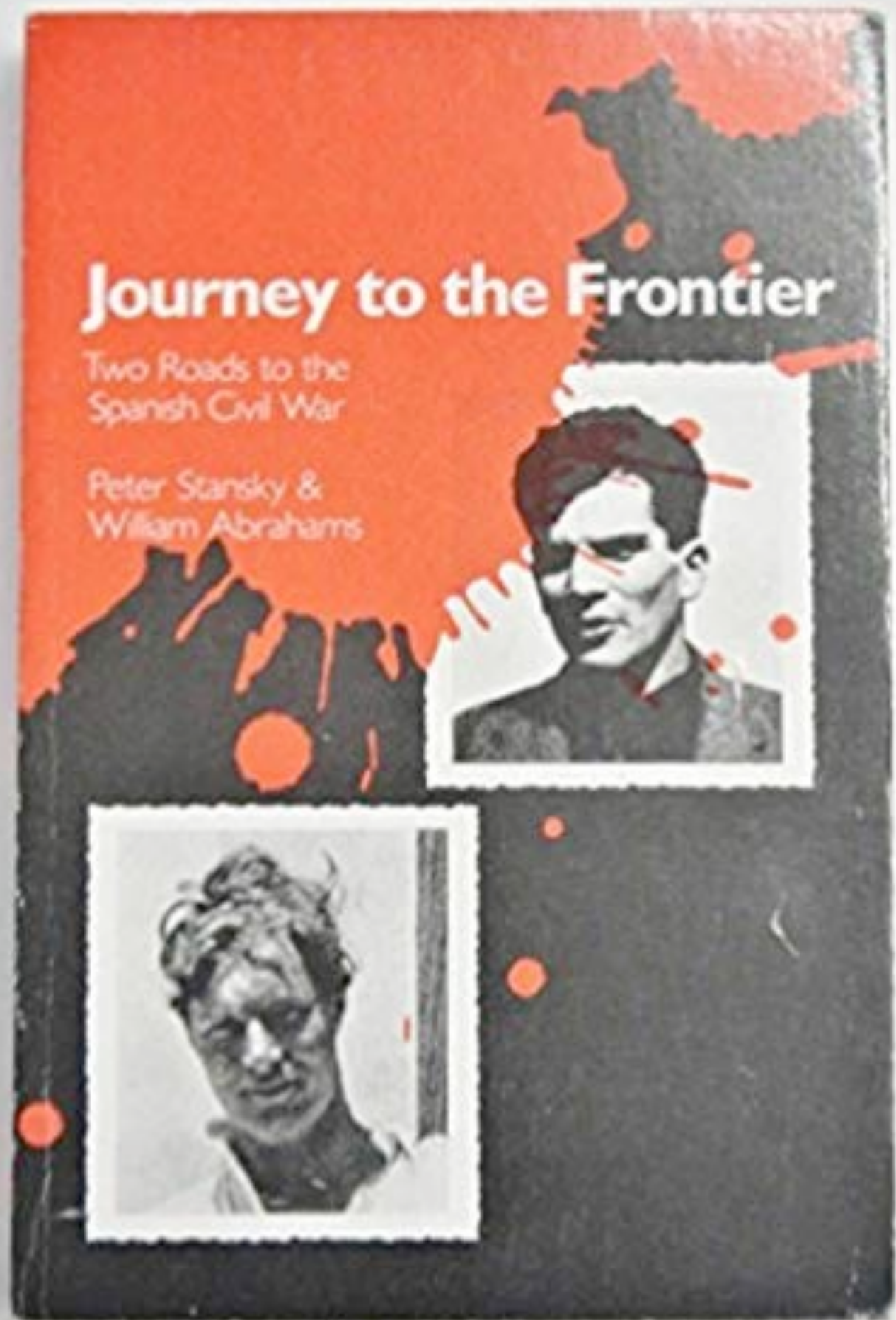
NOEL
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Weidenfeld
& Nicolson

**contemporaries singing rigger songs or burning a boat. Yet t
munism supplied it for that generation of intellectual. Now the
while Rome burnt...”**

—Noel Annan

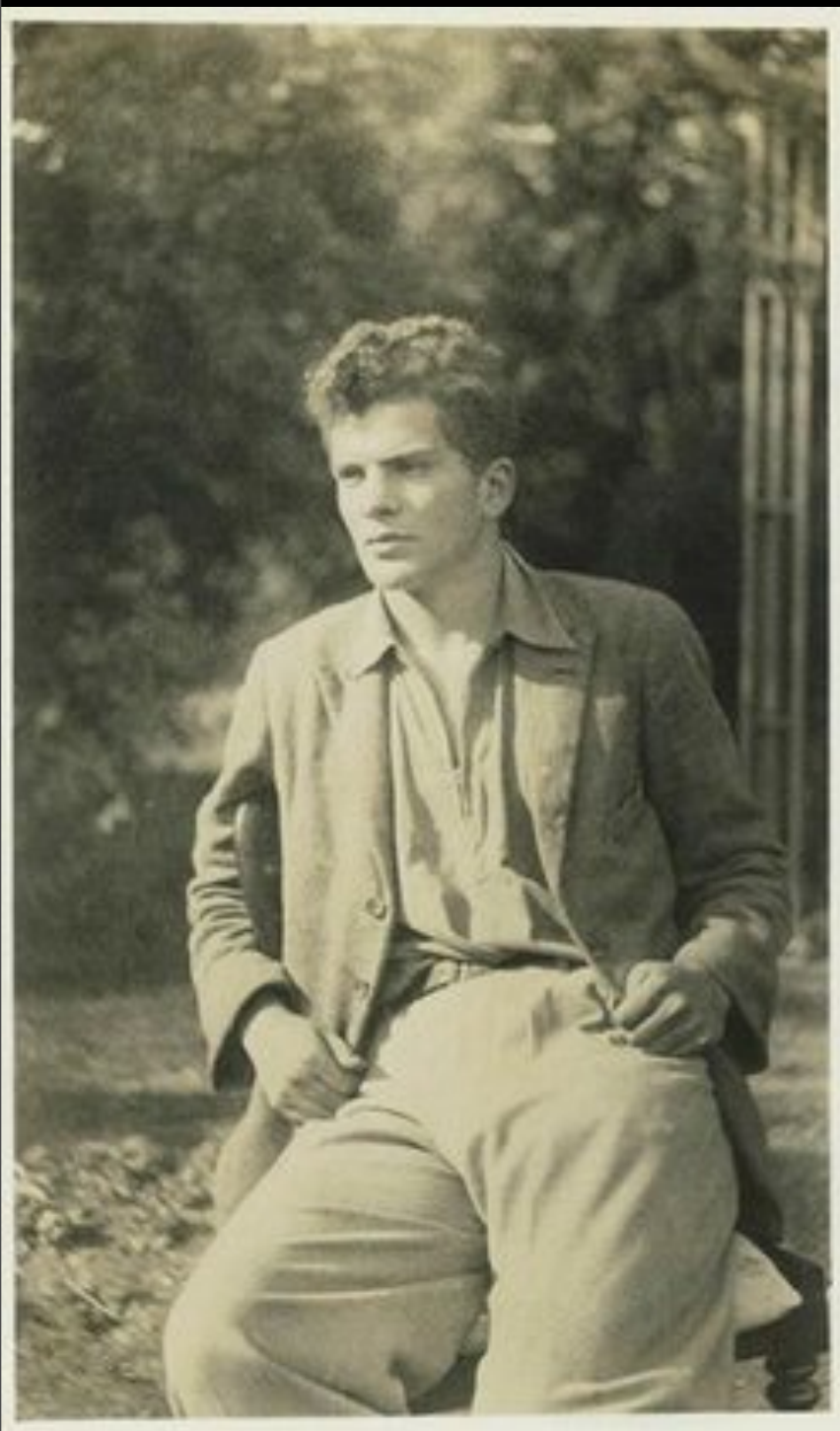


Peter Stansky



John Cornford
1915-1936





MAURICE DOBB

POLITICAL ECONOMIST

Timothy Shenk



PALGRAVE STUDIES IN THE
HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THOUGHT





James Klugmann
1912-1975



**“Ernst Henri”
(aka Semyon Rostovsky),
Comintern agent
(1904-1990)**

“The Groups of Five”



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Litzi Friedmann
1910-1991



Edith Tudor Hart
1908-1973



**Arnold Deutsch (“Otto”)
1904-1942**

“Given that the Communist movement in these universities is on a mass scale and that there is a constant turnover of students, it follows that individual Communists whom we pluck out of the Party will pass unnoticed, both by the party itself and by the outside world. People forget about them. And if at some point they do remember that they were once Communists, this will be put down to a passing fancy of youth, especially as those concerned are scions of the bourgeoisie.” —Arnold Deutsch



Deutsch's four desirable characteristics of a successful agent:

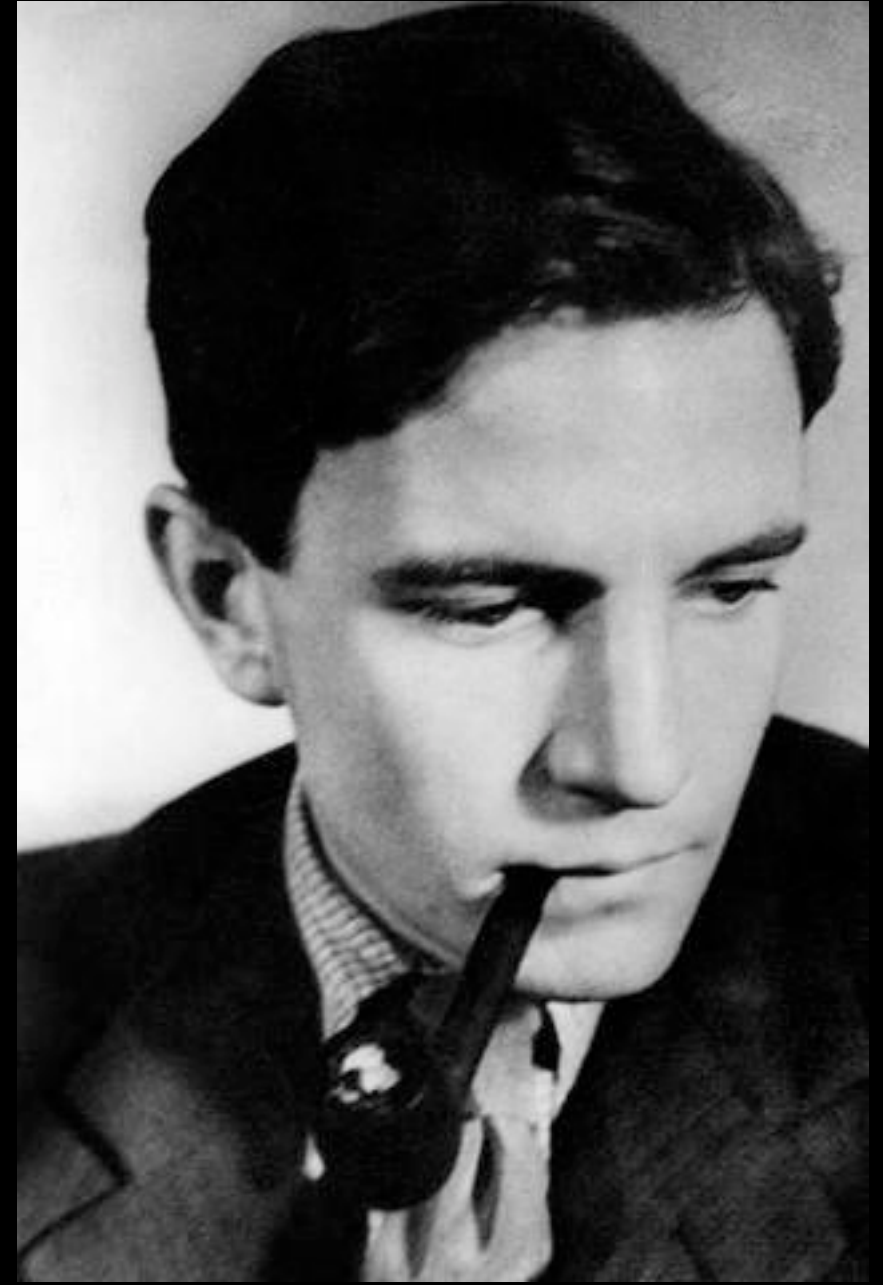
- an inherent class resentment**
- a predilection for secretiveness**
- a yearning to belong**
- an infantile appetite for praise and reassurance**



Kim Philby
1912-1988
(“Sonnchen” and “Stanley”)



**Kim Philby,
1930s**



“I was recruited in 1933, given the job of penetrating British intelligence and told it did not matter how long I took to do the job.”



Kim's father: St. John Philby (1885-1960)



On the Nationalist side in the Spanish Civil War



Wounded in Spain



Philby in MI6 during WWII:

***Shared with the Russians intelligence from intercepted Abwehr signals and from agents in Madrid, Lisbon, and Tangier**

***Suppressed any material that might prompt the British government to take an interest in the military opposition to Hitler, which if successful could have resulted in a strong postwar Germany firmly allied to the West.**

***Fed Stalin's suspicion that the Western allies might seek a separate peace with the Germans and turn on the Soviet Union**



Postwar: MI6 Counter-intelligence

***He was able to let the Russians know the detailed aims of British and American policy, based on knowledge acquired at the highest echelons of power**

***On a more operational level, he was able to ensure that anti-Soviet spy rings and efforts to infiltrate agents after the war into such places as the Baltic states, Ukraine, Georgia, and Albania were all doomed to failure**





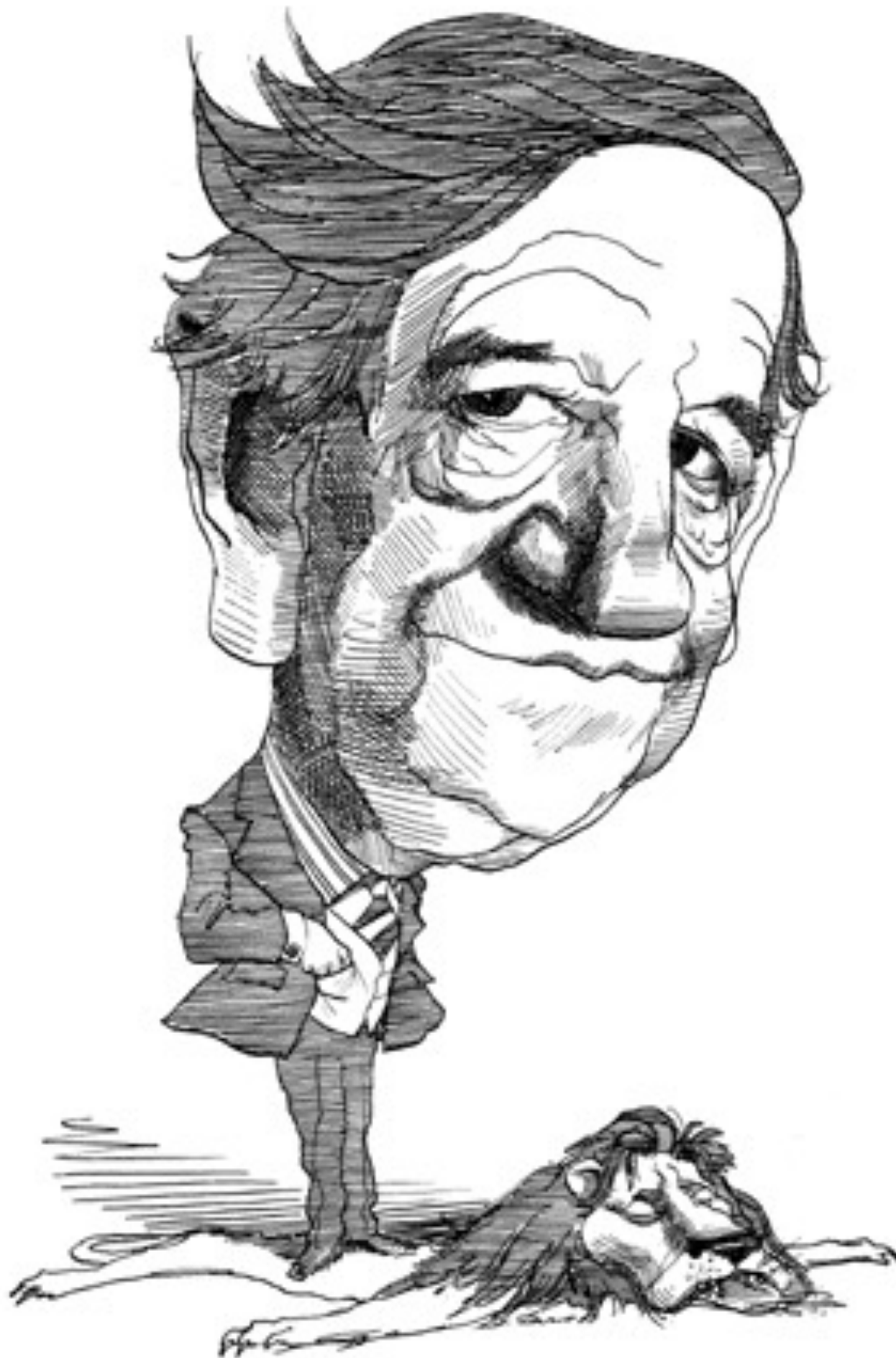
BEN MACINTYRE

A SPY AMONG FRIENDS

KIM PHILBY AND THE
GREAT BETRAYAL



BLOOMSBURY





Donald Maclean
1913-1983
("Orphan")

ROLAND PHILIPPS

A
SPY
NAMED
ORPHAN

THE ENIGMA OF DONALD MACLEAN





Sir Donald Maclean, MP
1864-1932











Philip Toynbee
1916-1981
Journalist, novelist,
communist, drinking companion



Kitty Harris
1899-1966









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Guy Burgess
1911-1963
("Madchen")



Guy Burgess, third from the left, at Eton



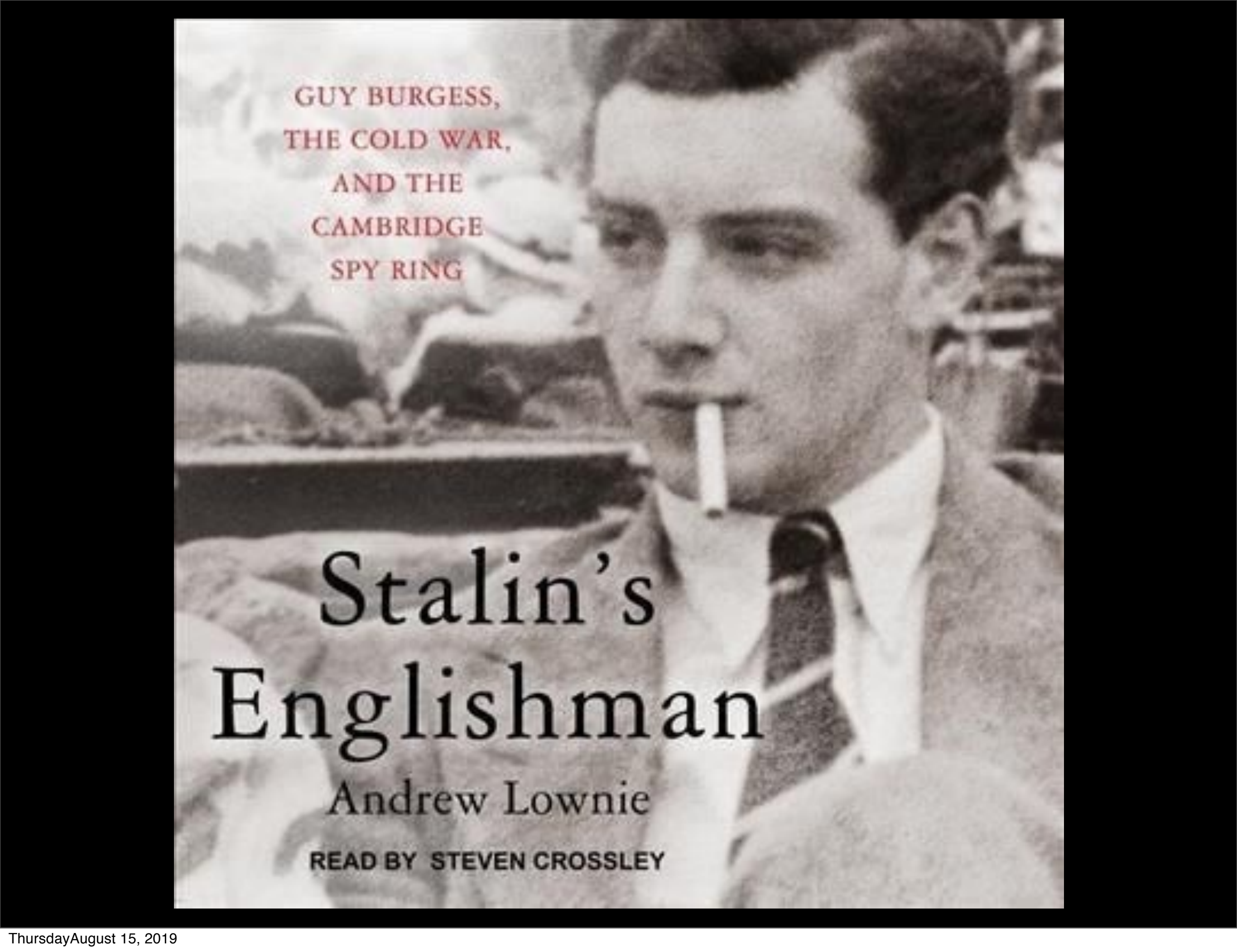


**and regurgitated; it emerged as a genuine vision of life. He never
made his conversation attractive and gave politics a depth which
were being betrayed by decadent aristocrats like Halifax. He was
the only way he retained a romantic notion of his country whereas t**



“At one time or another he went to bed with most of his friends and in doing so released them from many of their inhibitions. He was a kind of public schoolboy’s guide to the mysteries of sex and he fulfilled his function almost with a sense of public service. Such affairs did not last long; but Guy had the faculty of retaining the affection of those he went to bed with and also, in some curious way, of maintaining a kind of permanent domination over them. Long after the affair was over he continued to assist them in their sexual lives, which were often troubled and unsatisfactory, to listen to their emotional difficulties and when necessary find suitable partners for them. To such people he was a combination of father confessor and pimp and the number of people who were under an obligation to him must have been very large indeed.” —Goronwy Rees

“Burgess told the Russians details of Roosevelt’s and Churchill’s talks at Casablanca in January 1943, including their decision to postpone invasion of France until 1944, as well as relaying intelligence about Allied plans for post-war Poland ... and the policy papers prepared for the four Allied powers’ Moscow Conference.” —Niall Ferguson



GUY BURGESS,
THE COLD WAR,
AND THE
CAMBRIDGE
SPY RING

Stalin's Englishman

Andrew Lownie

READ BY STEVEN CROSSLEY

ne loyally stuck with them through thick and thin, capable of a
rong moral compass he was vulnerable to the blandishments of
with many of his other ambitions. A sense of purpose, a new
Lownie, *Stalin's Englishman*



Burgess in Moscow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e36KMyp-GDE>



BBC

THE
ALAN BENNETT
COLLECTION

FEATURING
AN
ENGLISHMAN
ABROAD

STARRING
CORAL BROWNE & ALAN BATES

4 DISC SET

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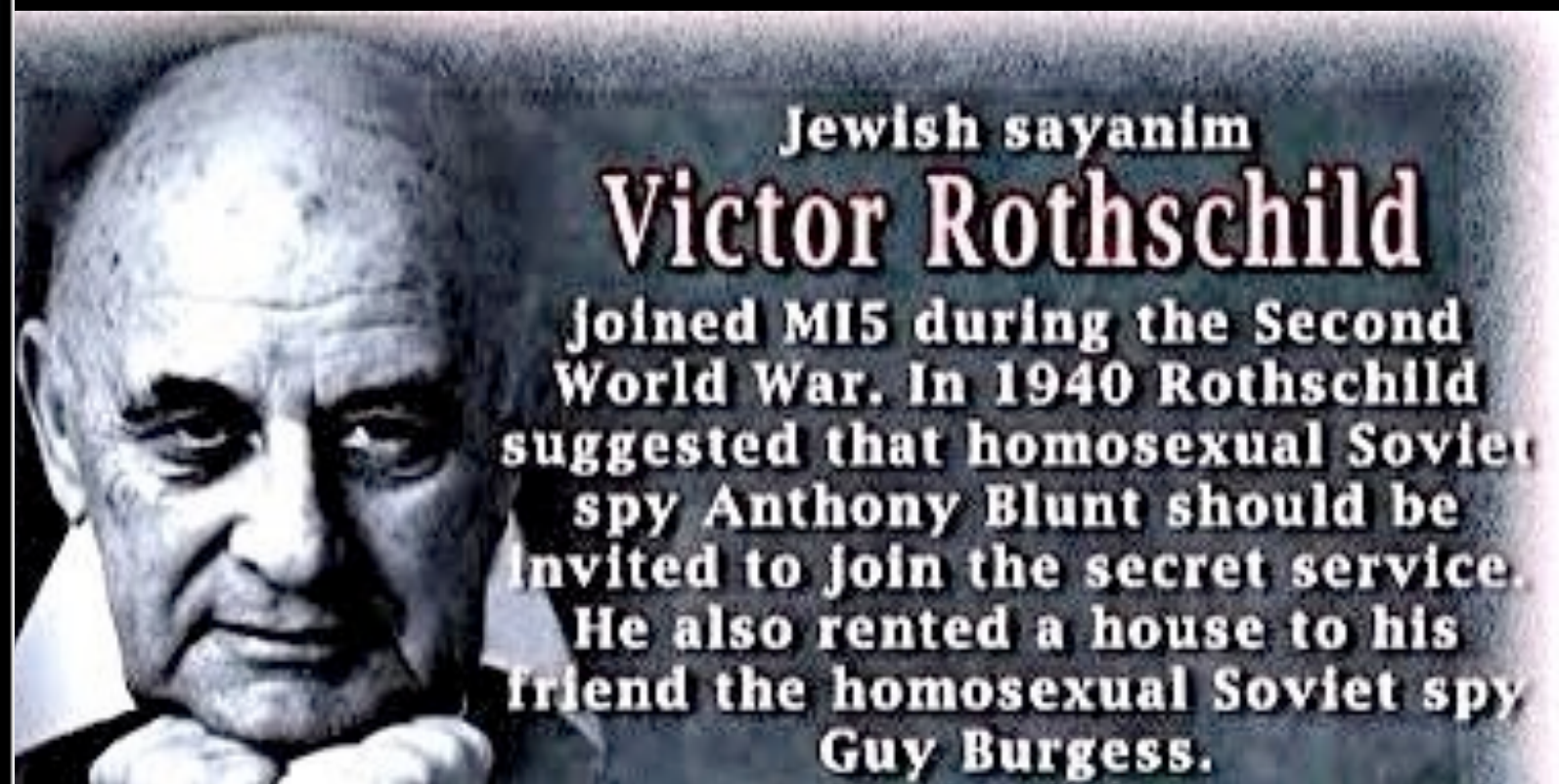
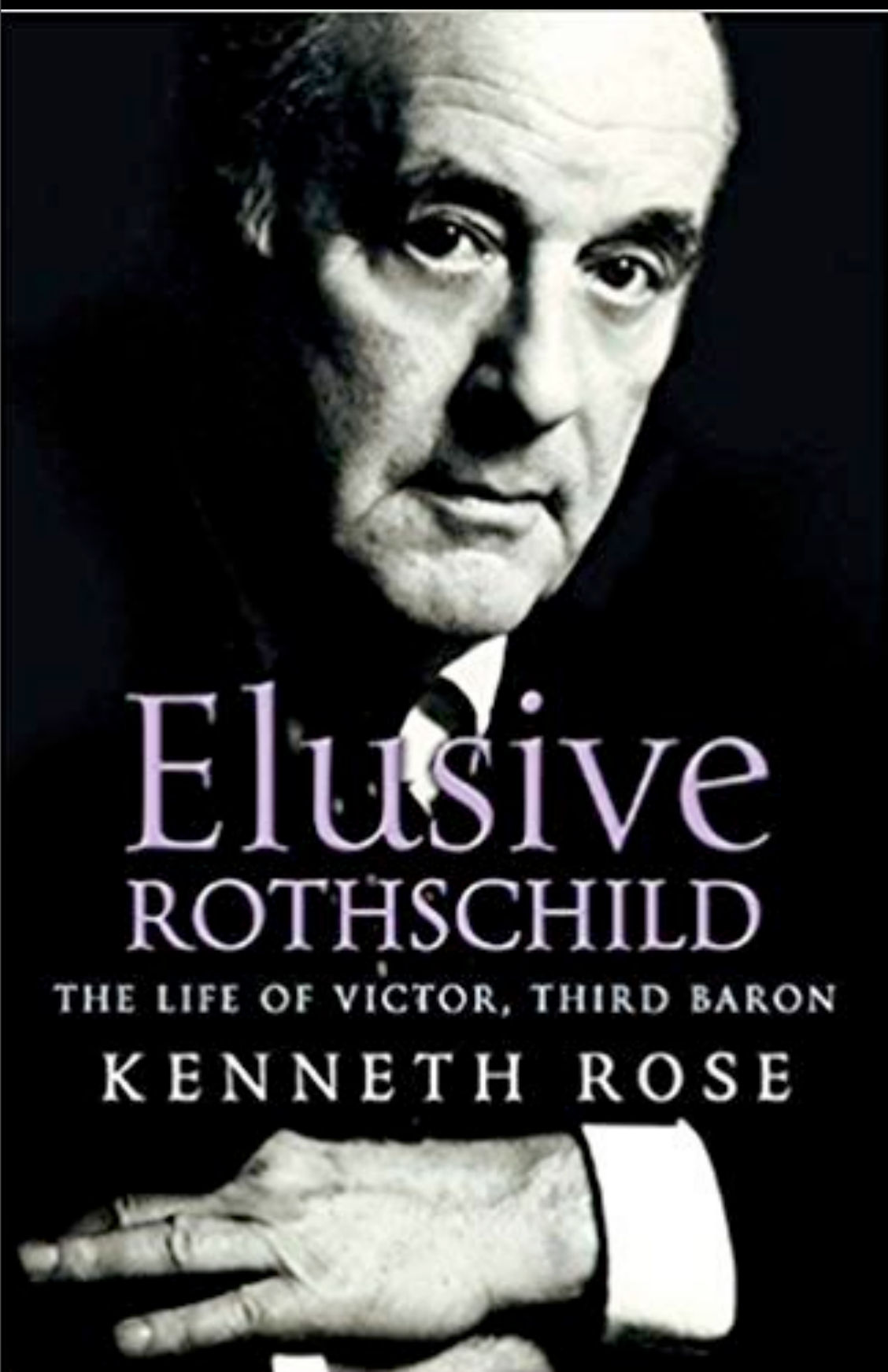
THE ALAN BENNETT COLLECTION
FEATURING AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD

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Anthony Blunt
1907-1983
("Tony")







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Blunt and Bloomsbury: Lytton Strachey took this snap of a boating party on the River Ouse in 1930

Julian Bell

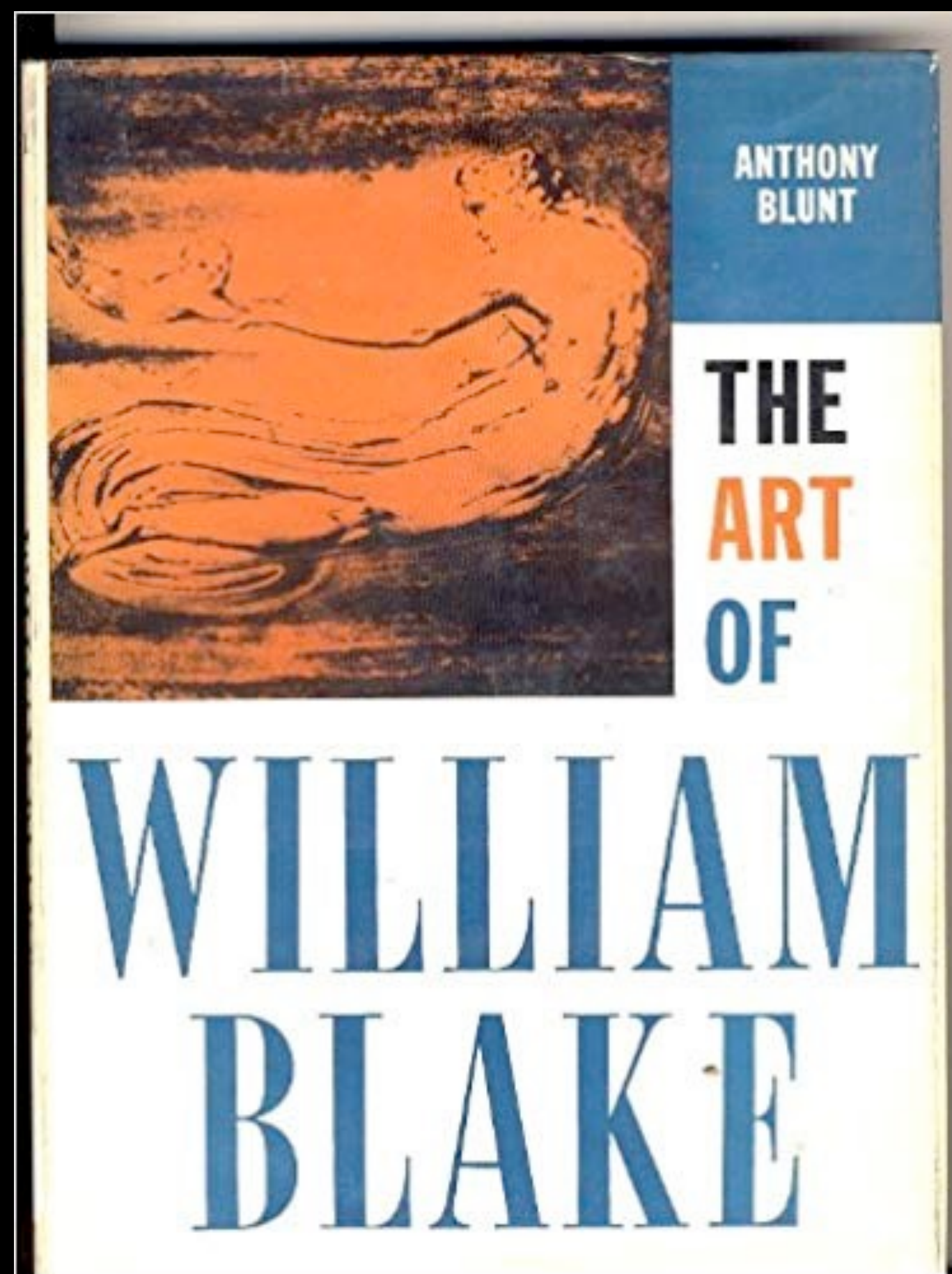
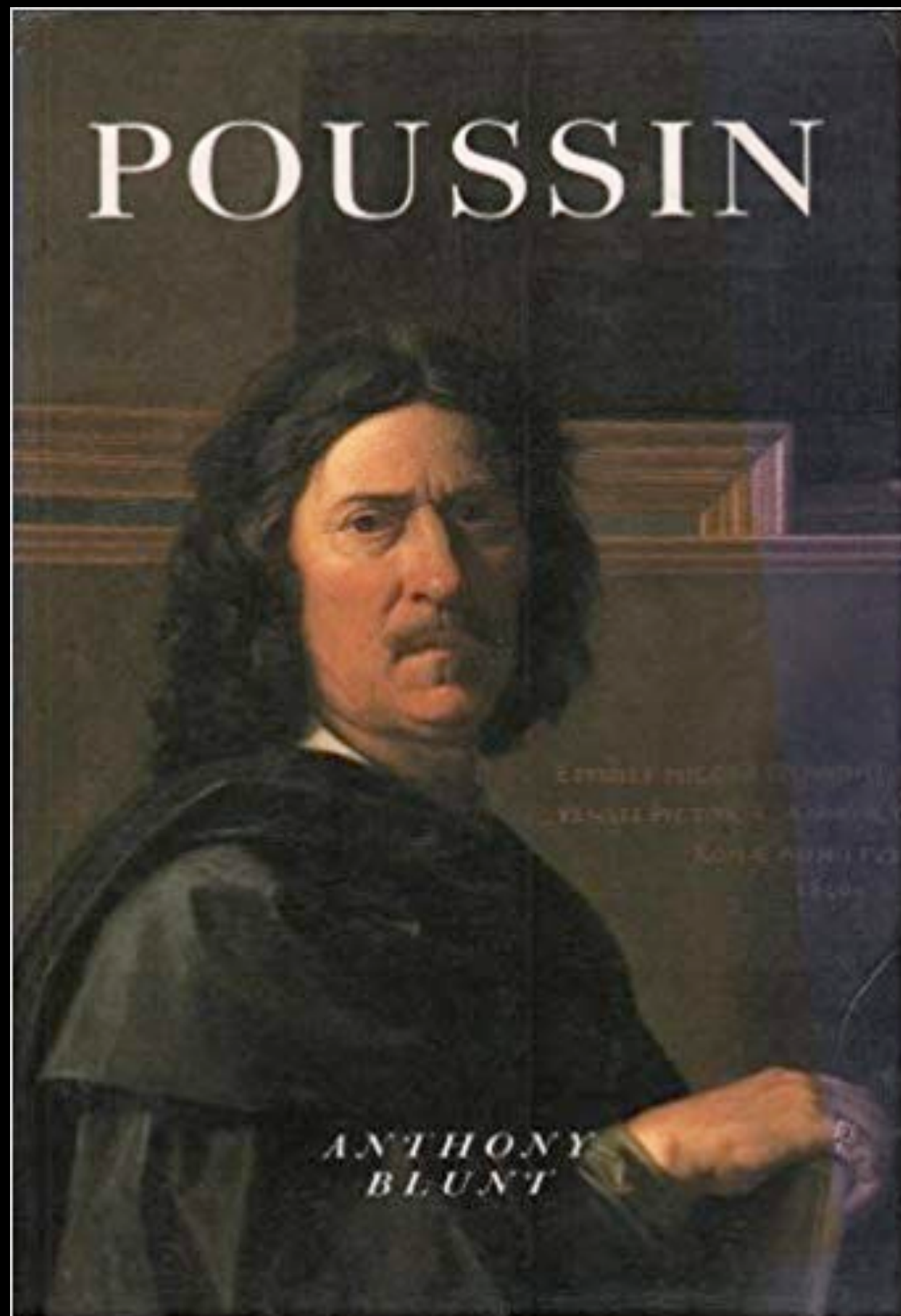
From Bloomsbury to the Spanish Civil War

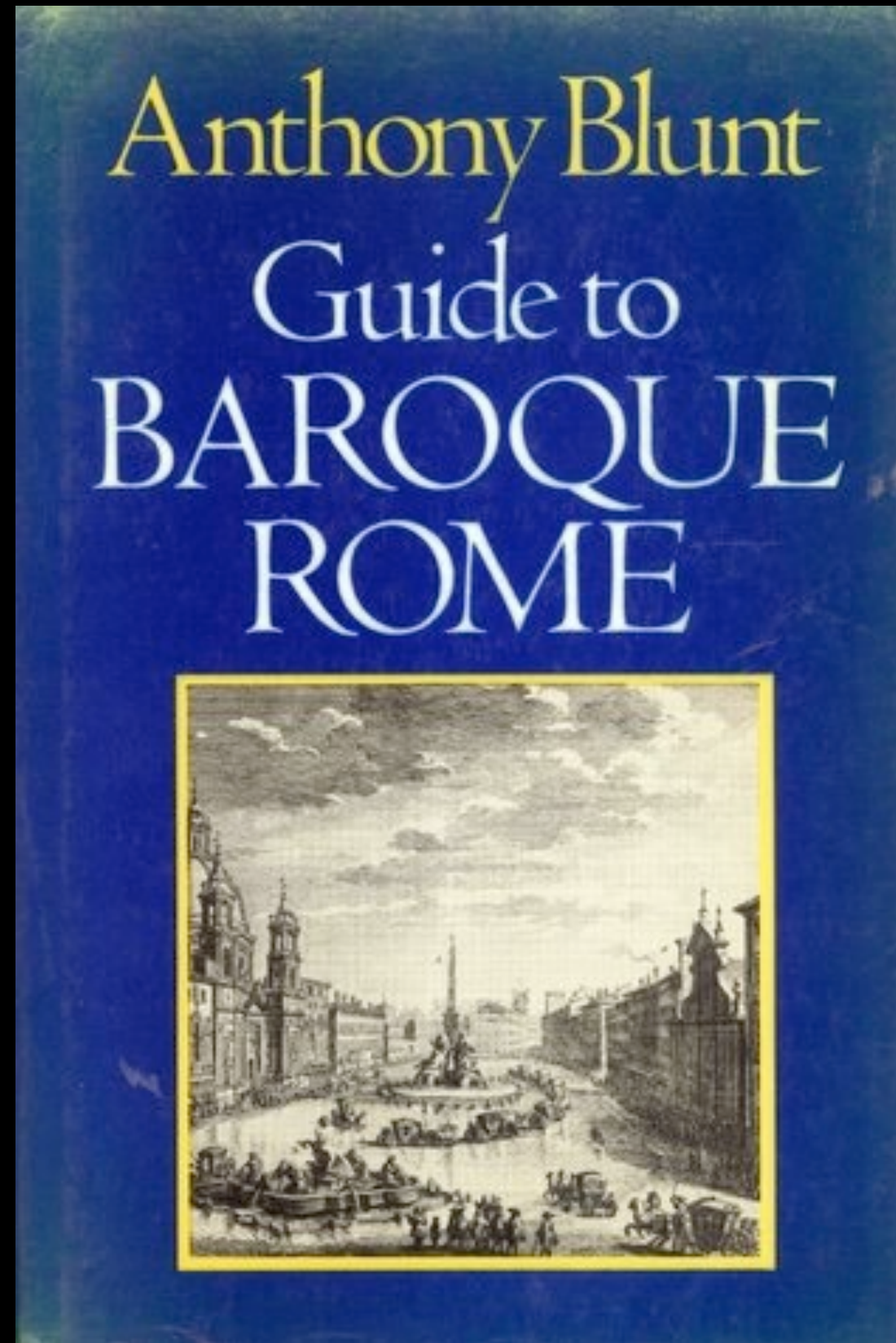
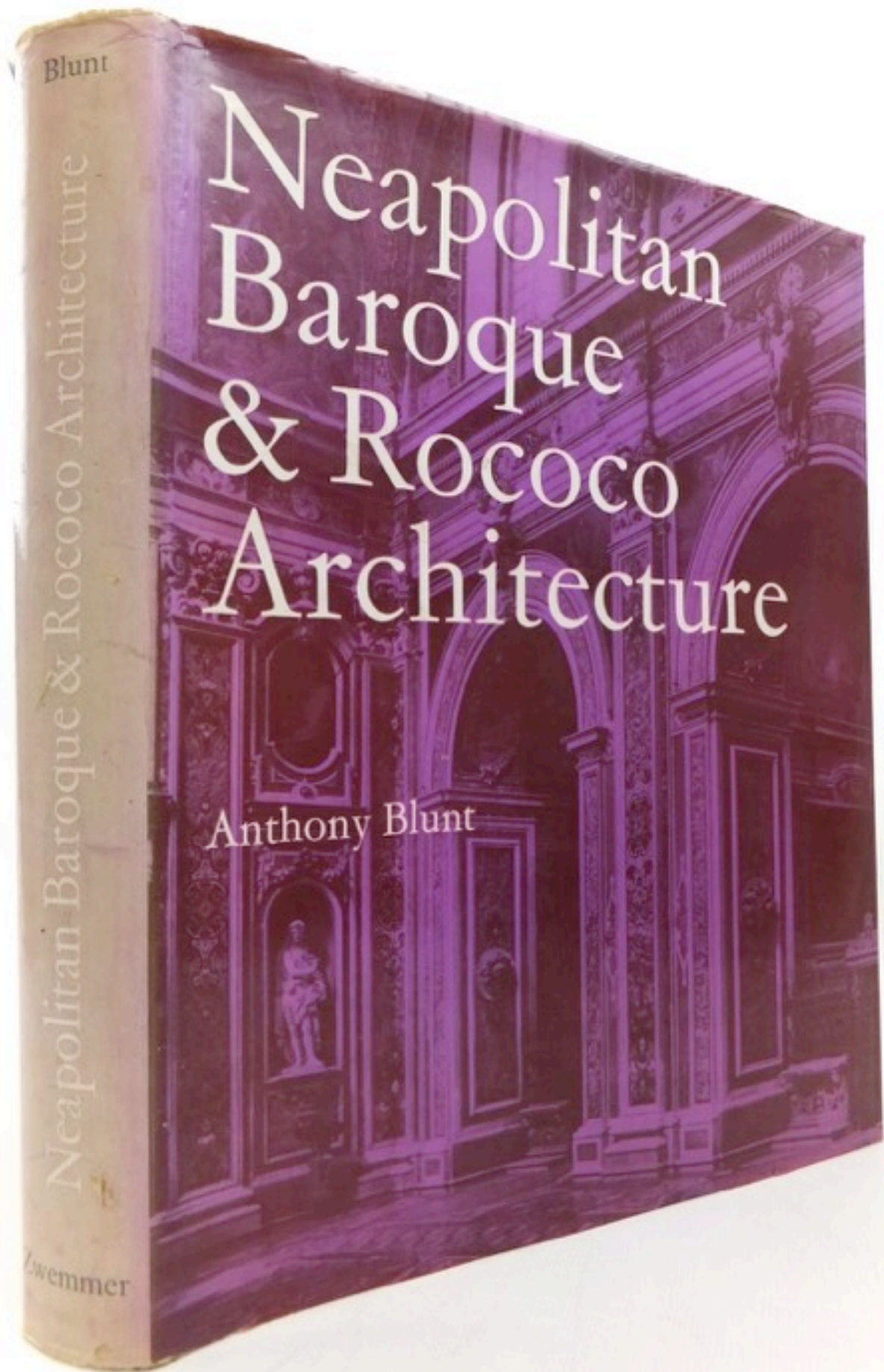


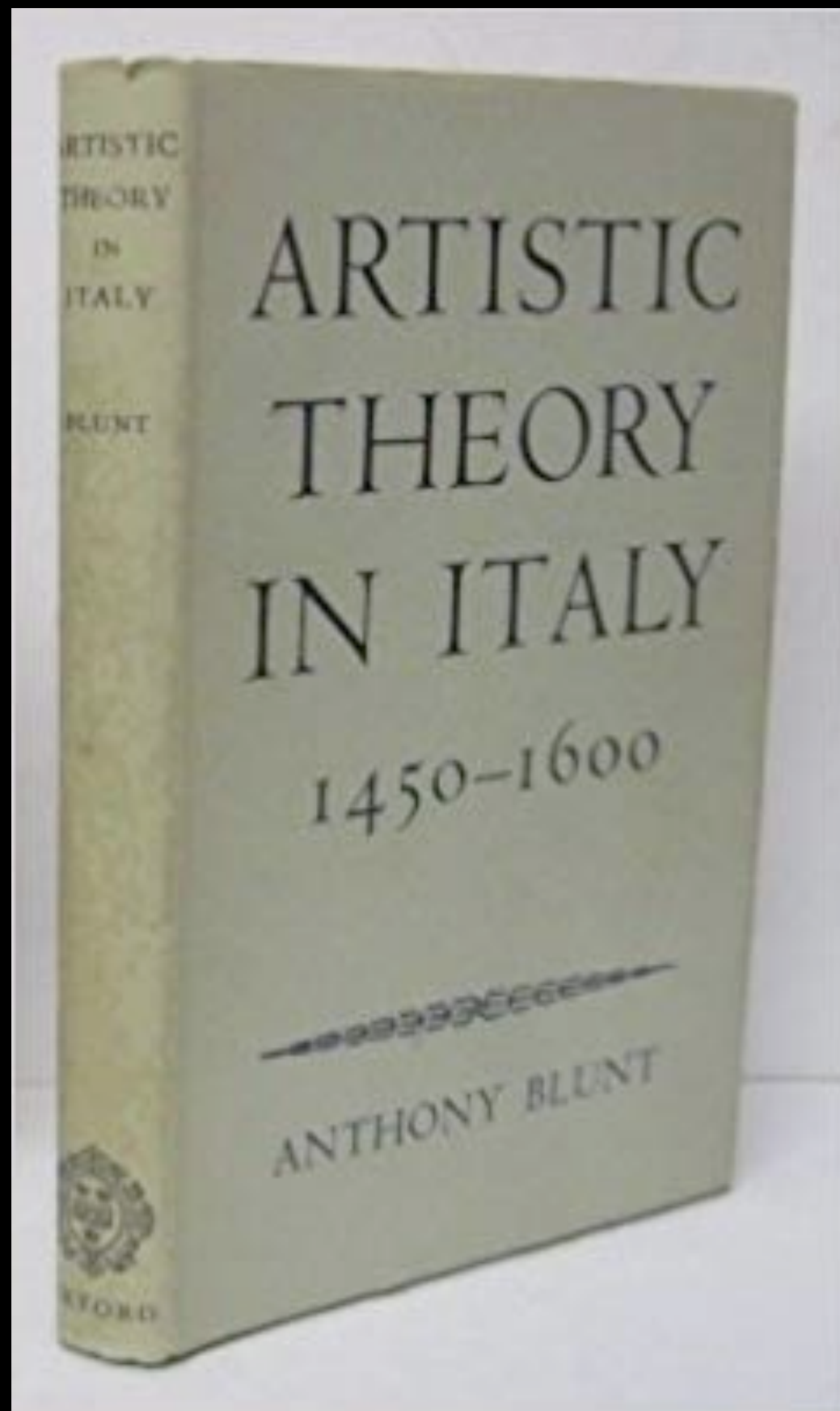
PETER STANSKY AND WILLIAM ABRAHAM





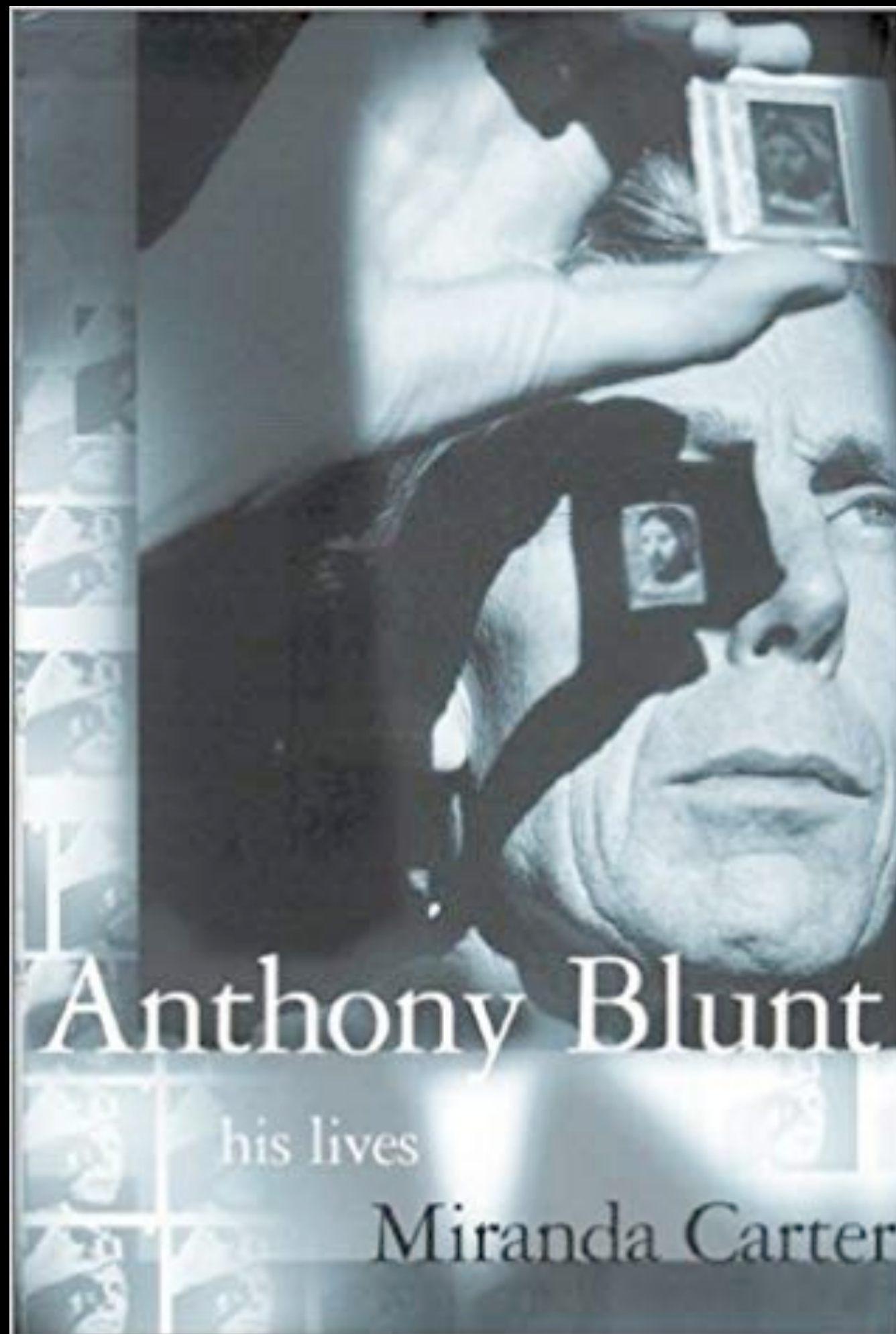












**clean, and it is impossible to imagine who else would have con
e habitually compartmentalized; he was compulsively reticent
escape the suffocating convention of his background, and a fe
n, and he always half-hated the worlds he so wanted to join.”-**

James Fox

A Question of
Attribution





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Blunt: I'd take any risk to avoid Russia

Memoirs reveal private fears of the 'Fourth Man'

By David Williams
The Independent

AN extraordinary memoir by a former spy master Sir Anthony Blunt – released today, 30 years after his death – describes his last five years of the secret life of the Cambridge spy ring. Blunt was known as the 'Fourth Man' – despite the fact that he was not a spy – in the 1950s as the most powerful of the Cambridge spies. The memoir will reveal, for the first time, the secret life of the man who was the most powerful of the Cambridge spies. The memoir will reveal, for the first time, the secret life of the man who was the most powerful of the Cambridge spies.



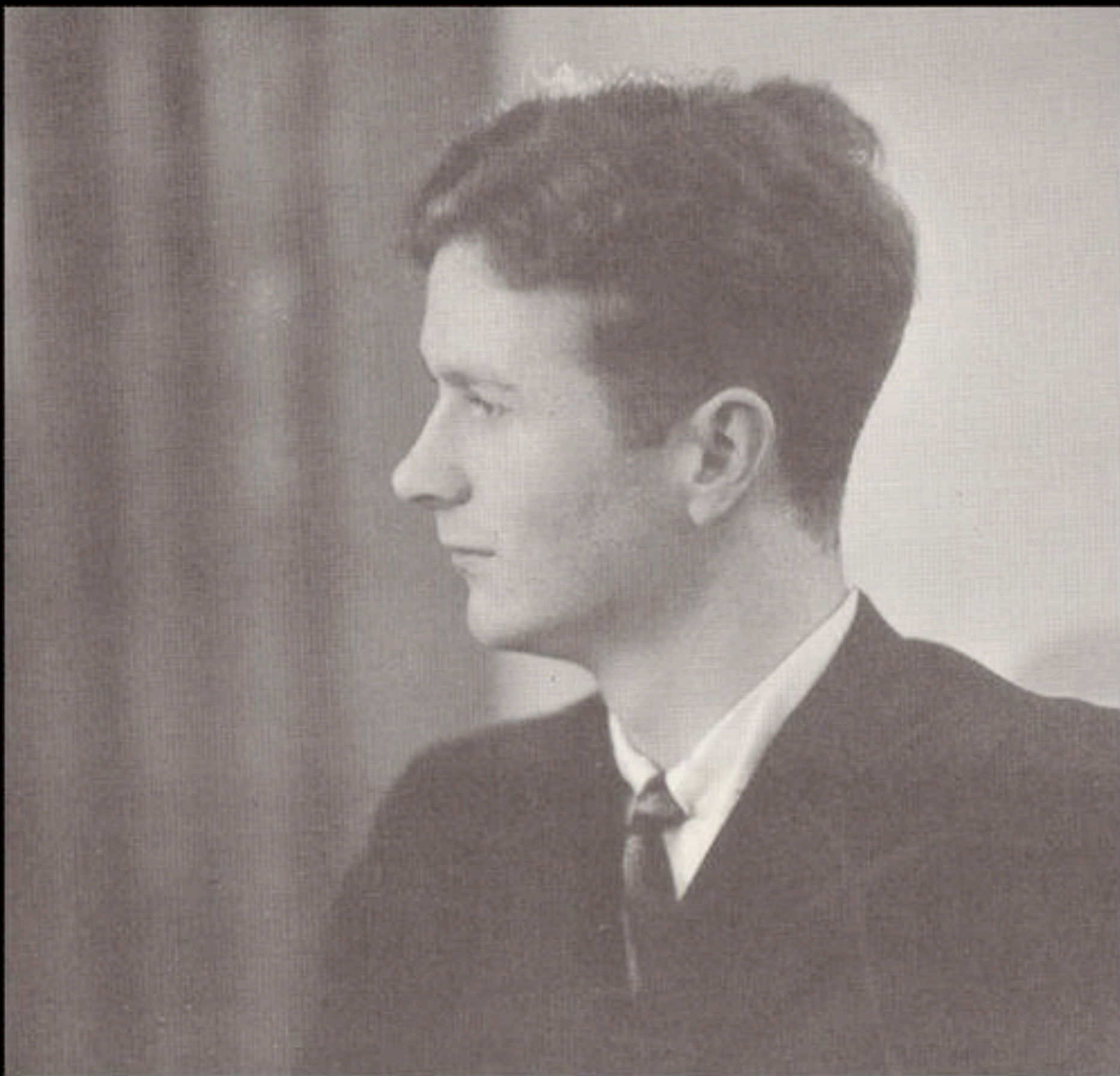



Sir Kim Philby

Sir Guy Burgess

Sir Donald Maclean

Anthony Blunt, 'Fourth Man'



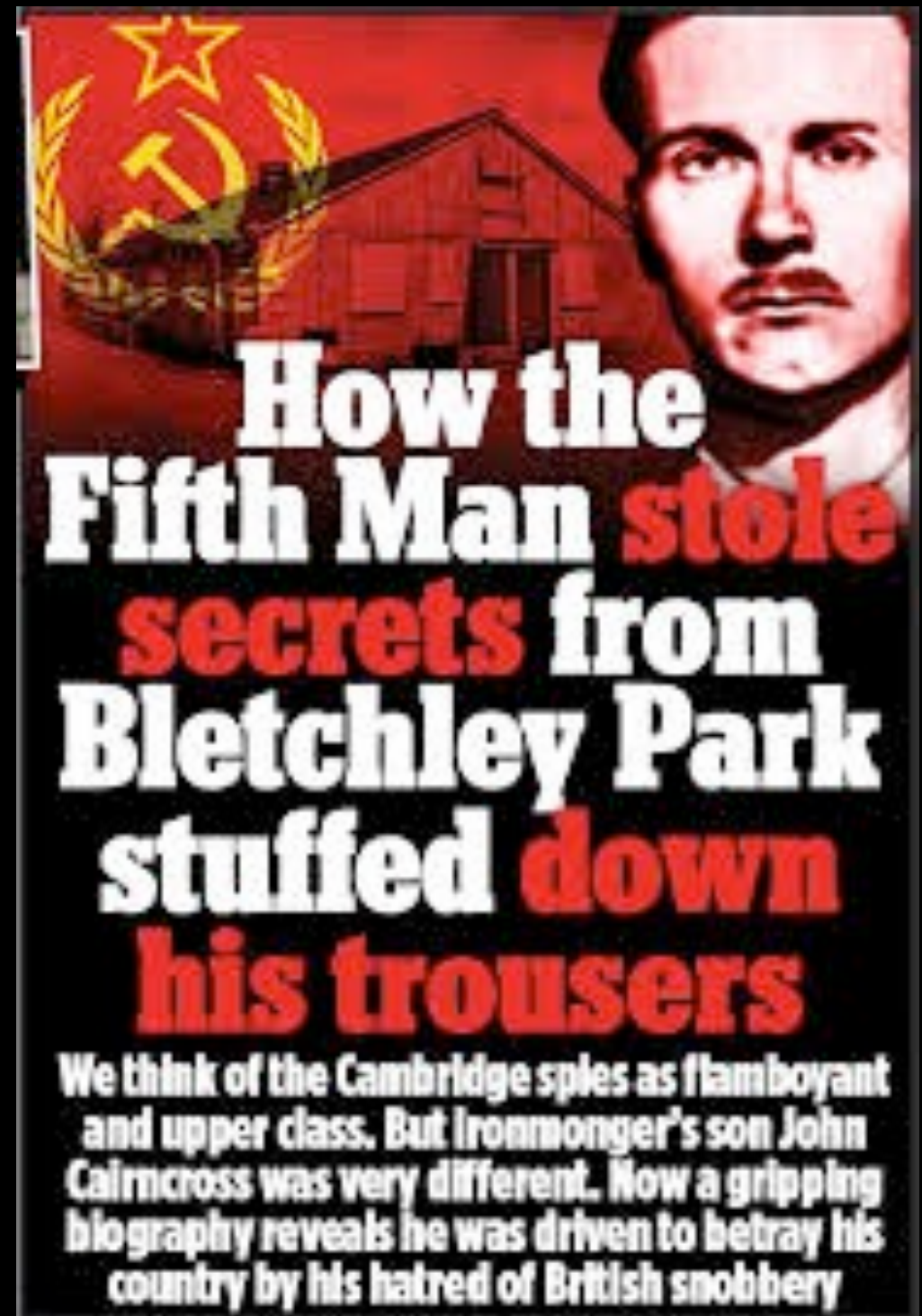
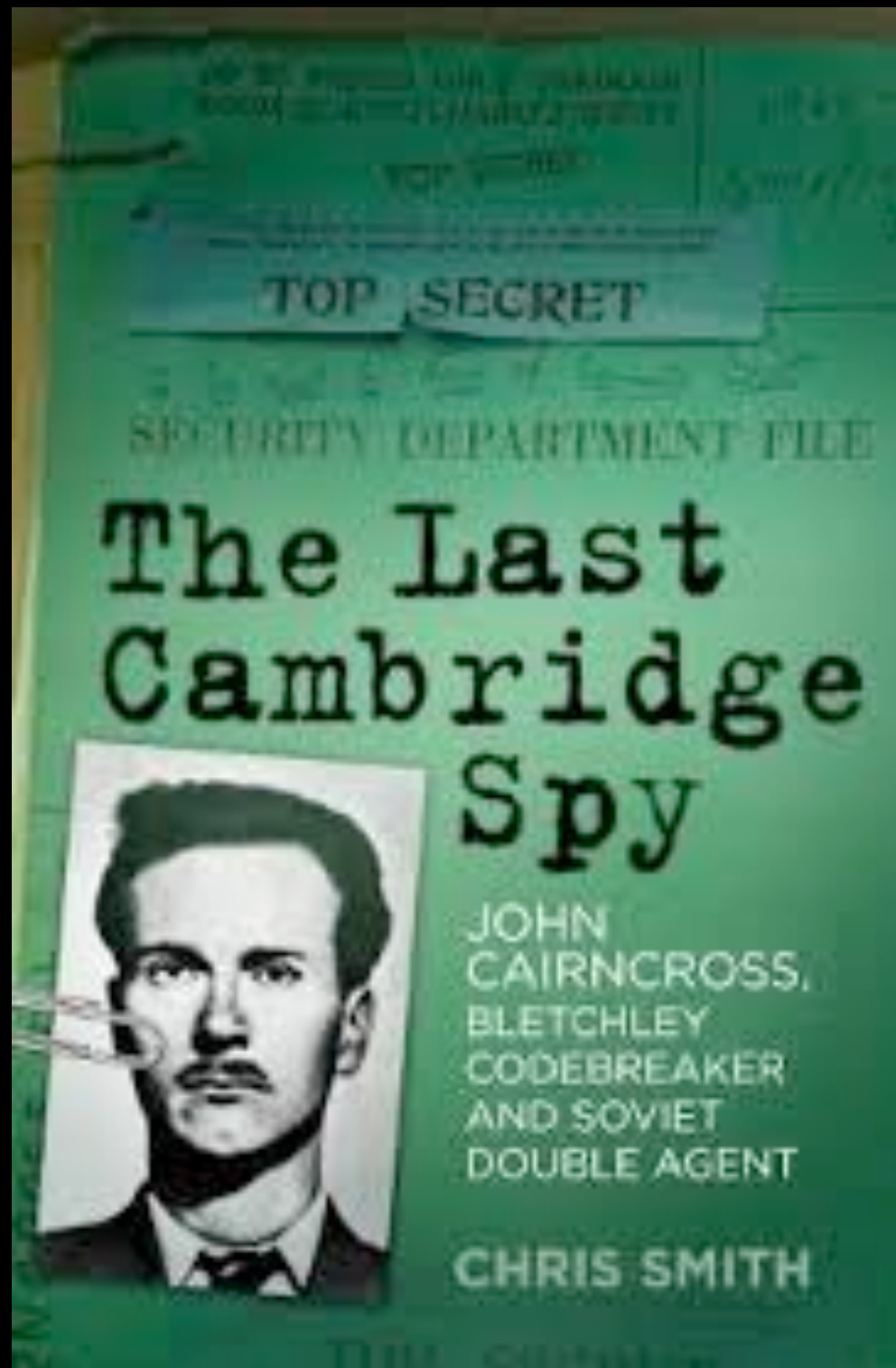
John Cairncross (1913-1995)

Like Maclean, John Cairncross became a diplomat before the Second World War, and passed Foreign Office documents to the NKVD (later the KGB). These documents, which reflected the Conservatives' policy of attempting to appease Hitler, seemed to Stalin to provide evidence of a deep-laid British plot to turn Hitler on the Soviet Union. So the Five probably contributed to Stalin's decision to turn the tables by making his own pact with Hitler in 1939. "His belief in a non-existent British conspiracy helped to blind him to the existence of a real German plot to invade the Soviet Union." —Christopher Andrew





Cairncross became private secretary to one of Churchill's cabinet ministers, Lord Hankey, and had access to all cabinet papers. He also spent a year at Bletchley Park and had access to ULTRA decrypts. In contrast to the other members of the group, he was a notorious bore, an outsider lacking in social graces. But he gave the Russians several crucial pieces of information in 1943, the year the tide of battle changed decisively on the Eastern Front: specifications of the armor-plating of the German Tiger tanks; the German order of battle at Kursk, the largest tank battle of the war, and Luftwaffe decrypts that enabled the Red Air Force to launch preemptive strikes against German airfields.



y years of the Cold War. According to a colleague, he “thus kno
to know, inter alia, about projected spending on aeronautical
e. He ... could legitimately ask for any further details thought n



Yuri Modin
1922-2007
Cambridge Five controller
1948-1951

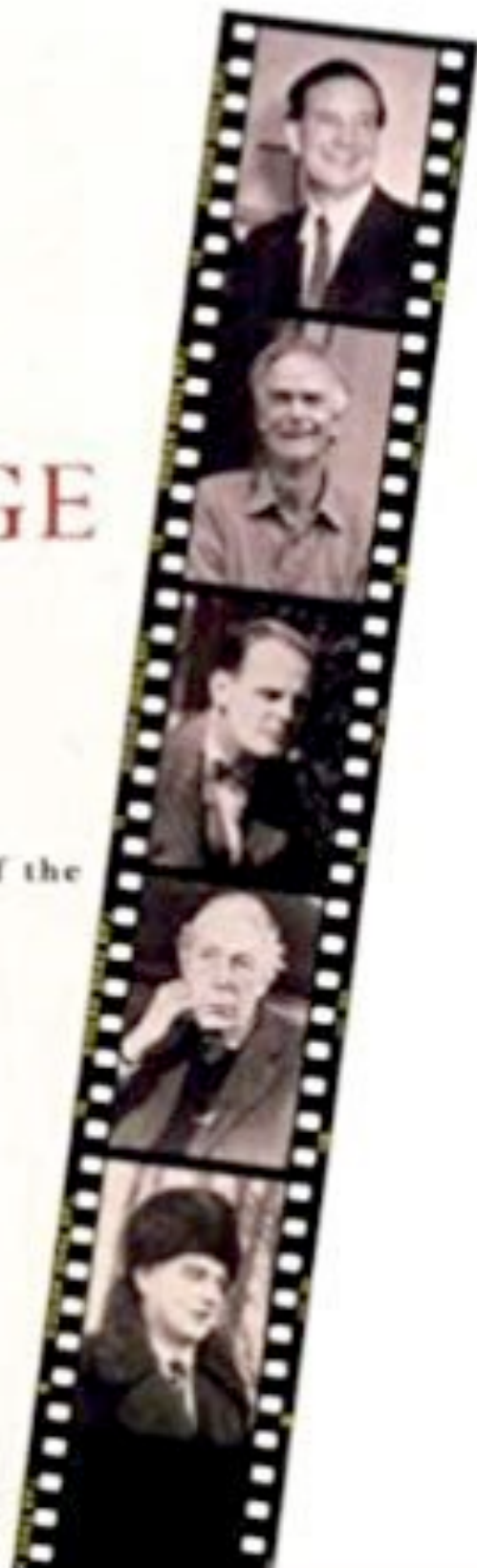
YURI MODIN



MY FIVE CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS

For the first time, their KGB
controller reveals the secrets of the
world's most famous spy ring –

BURGESS
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MY CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS

BURGESS, MACLEAN, PHILBY, BLUNT, AND CAIRNCROSS



BY THEIR KGB CONTROLLER

