Spy Dust: Two Masters of Disguise Reveal the Tools and Operations that Helped Win the Cold War



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Reviewed and released by the CIA, opening a window on the true-life world of espionage -- the elusive identities, the sophisticated gadgetry, the triple-think strategies -- Spy Dust reveals more about U.S. intelligence techniques abroad than any other published work of nonfiction. Moscow, 1988. The twilight of the Cold War. The KGB is at its most ruthless, and has now indisputably gained the upper hand over the CIA in the intelligence war. But no one knows how. Ten CIA agents and double-agents have gone missing in the last three years. They have either been executed or they are unaccounted for. At Langley, several theories circulate as to how the KGB seems suddenly to have become telepathic, predicting the CIAs every move. Some blame the defection of Edward Lee Howard three years before, and suspect that more high-placed moles will be unearthed. Others speculate that the KGBs surveillance successes have been heightened by the invention of an invisible electromagnetic powder that allows them to keep tabs on anyone who touches it: spy dust. CIA officers

Tony Mendez and Jonna Goeser come together to head up a team of technical wizards and operational specialists, determined to solve the mystery that threatens to overshadow the Cold War s final act. Working against known and unknown hostile forces, as well as some unfriendly elements within the CIA, they devise controversial new operational methods and techniques to foil the KGB, and show the extraordinary lengths to which U.S. intelligence is willing to go to protect a source, then rescue him when his world starts to collapse. At the same time, Tony and Jonna find themselves falling deeply in love. During a fascinating odyssey that began in Indochina fifteen years before and ends in a breathtakingly daring operation in the heart of the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses, Spy Dust catapults the reader from the Hindu Kush to Hollywood, from Havana to Moscow, but cannot truly conclude until its protagonists are safely wedded in rural Maryland. At a time when the public has more questions than ever about the role of our intelligence services, and what is being done in America's name, Spy Dust both reassures us and gives us hope for the espionage battles of the future.

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