

## *Spies and Lies: Espionage Fiction*

### **Christina Alger – [\*The Banker's Wife\*](#) (ALG 2018)**

On an early morning in November, a couple boards a private plane bound for Geneva, flying into a storm. Soon after, it simply drops off the radar, and its wreckage is later uncovered in the Alps. Among the disappeared is Matthew Lerner, a banking insider at Swiss United, a powerful offshore bank. His young widow, Annabel, is left grappling with the secrets he left behind, including an encrypted laptop and a shady client list. As she begins a desperate search for answers, she determines that Matthew's death was no accident, and that she is now in the crosshairs of his powerful enemies.

### **Karen Cleveland - [\*Need to Know\*](#) (CLE 2018)**

Pursuing a Russian sleeper cell on American soil, CIA analyst Vivian Miller uncovers a dangerous secret that will threaten her job, her family, and her life. On track for a promotion, she's developed a system for identifying Russian agents living in plain sight. After accessing the computer of a potential Russian operative, Vivian stumbles on a secret dossier of deep-cover agents within America's borders. A few clicks later, everything that matters to her - her job, her husband, even her four children - is threatened. She's vowed to defend her country against all enemies, but now she's facing impossible choices.

### **Simon Conway - [\*A Loyal Spy\*](#) (CON 2018)**

The last time Jonah saw Nor ed-Din, he was lying face-down in a pool of icy water in the Khyber Pass. He thought he had killed him. Friends since childhood, they had been groomed for the intelligence service, with Jonah as handler for Nor's penetration of ISI. But when Nor is cut loose after the Soviets withdraw from Afghanistan, the pattern of engagement and abandonment begins. Years later, when contact with Nor is revived to stage an off-the-books assassination attempt on Bin Laden that goes badly wrong, Jonah no longer knows who Nor is really working for.

### **Charles Cumming – [\*A Divided Spy\*](#) (CUM 2017)**

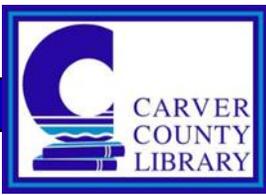
Thomas Kell thought he was done with spying. A former MI6 officer, he devoted his life to the Service, but it has left him with nothing but grief and a simmering anger against the Kremlin. Then Kell is offered an unexpected chance at revenge. Taking the law into his own hands, he embarks on a mission to recruit a top Russian spy who is in possession of a terrifying secret. As Kell tracks his man from Moscow to London, he finds himself in a high stakes game of cat and mouse in which it becomes increasingly difficult to know who is playing whom.

### **Dan Fesperman – [\*Safe Houses\*](#) (FES 2018)**

West Berlin, 1979. Helen Abell oversees the CIA's network of safe houses, havens for field agents amidst a dangerous city in the grips of the Cold War. Helen's world is upended when, during her routine inspection of an agency property, she overhears a meeting between two unfamiliar people speaking a coded language that hints at shadowy realities far beyond her comprehension. Her attempts to expose the dark truths about what she has witnessed will bring about repercussions that reach across decades.

### **Mick Herron – [\*This is What Happened\*](#) (HER 2018)**

Twenty-six-year-old Maggie Barnes is someone you would never look at twice. Living alone in a month-to-month sublet in the huge city of London, with no family but an estranged sister, no boyfriend or partner, and not much in the way of friends, Maggie is just the kind of person who could vanish from the face of the earth without anyone taking notice. Or just the kind of person MI5 needs to infiltrate the establishment and thwart an international plot that puts all of Britain at risk.



**David John - [Star of the North](#) (JOH 2018)**

1998. A Korean American teenager is kidnapped from a South Korean beach by North Korean operatives. Twelve years later, her brilliant twin sister, Jenna, is still searching for her, and ends up on the radar of the CIA. When evidence that her sister may still be alive in North Korea comes to light, Jenna will do anything possible to rescue her--including a daring mission into the heart of the regime.

**Jason Matthews – [Red Sparrow](#) (MAT)**

In present-day Russia, intelligence officer Dominika Egorova struggles to survive in the post-Soviet intelligence jungle. Ordered against her will to become a "Sparrow," a trained seductress, she is assigned to operate against Nathaniel Nash, a CIA officer who handles the Agency's most important Russian mole. As the action careens between Russia, Finland, Greece, Italy, and the United States, Dominika and Nate soon collide in a duel of wills, tradecraft, and passion that threatens not just their lives but those of others as well. First in a trilogy.

**Olen Steinhauer – [The Middleman](#) (STE 2018)**

One day in early summer 2017, four hundred people disappear from their lives, leaving behind cell phones, credit cards, jobs, houses, and families. Kevin Moore is one of them. Former military, disaffected, restless, Kevin leaves his job in San Francisco, sends a good-bye text to his mother, dumps his phone and wallet into a trash can, and disappears. The movement calls itself the Massive Brigade, and they believe change isn't coming fast enough to America. But are they a protest organization, a political movement, or a terrorist group? What do they want? The FBI is taking no chances.

**Jake Tapper – [The Hellfire Club](#) (TAP 2018)**

Charlie Marder is an unlikely Congressman. Thrust into office by family ties after his predecessor died mysteriously, Charlie is struggling to navigate the dangerous waters of 1950s Washington, DC, alongside his young wife Margaret, a zoologist with ambitions of her own. Amid the swirl of glamorous and powerful political leaders and deal makers, a mysterious fatal car accident thrusts Charlie and Margaret into an underworld of backroom deals, secret societies, and a plot that could change the course of history.

**August Thomas - [Liar's Candle](#) (THO 2018)**

Penny Kessler, an intern at the US Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, wakes up in a hospital to find herself at the center of an international crisis. The day before, the Embassy was the target of a terrorist attack that killed hundreds of Penny's friends and colleagues. Not only has a photograph of Penny as she emerged from the rubble become the event's defining image, but for reasons she doesn't understand, her bosses believe she's a crucial witness. Suddenly, everyone is intensely interested in what Penny knows.

**James Wolff – [Beside the Syrian Sea](#) (WOL 2018)**

Jonas works for the UK secret service as an intelligence analyst. When his father is kidnapped and held for ransom by ISIS gunmen in Syria, he takes matters into his own hands and begins to steal the only currency he has access to: secret government intelligence. He heads to Beirut with a haul of the most sensitive documents imaginable and recruits an unlikely ally - an alcoholic Swiss priest named Father Tobias. When the British and American governments realize they may be dealing with betrayal on a scale far greater than that of Edward Snowden, they try everything in their power to stop Jonas.