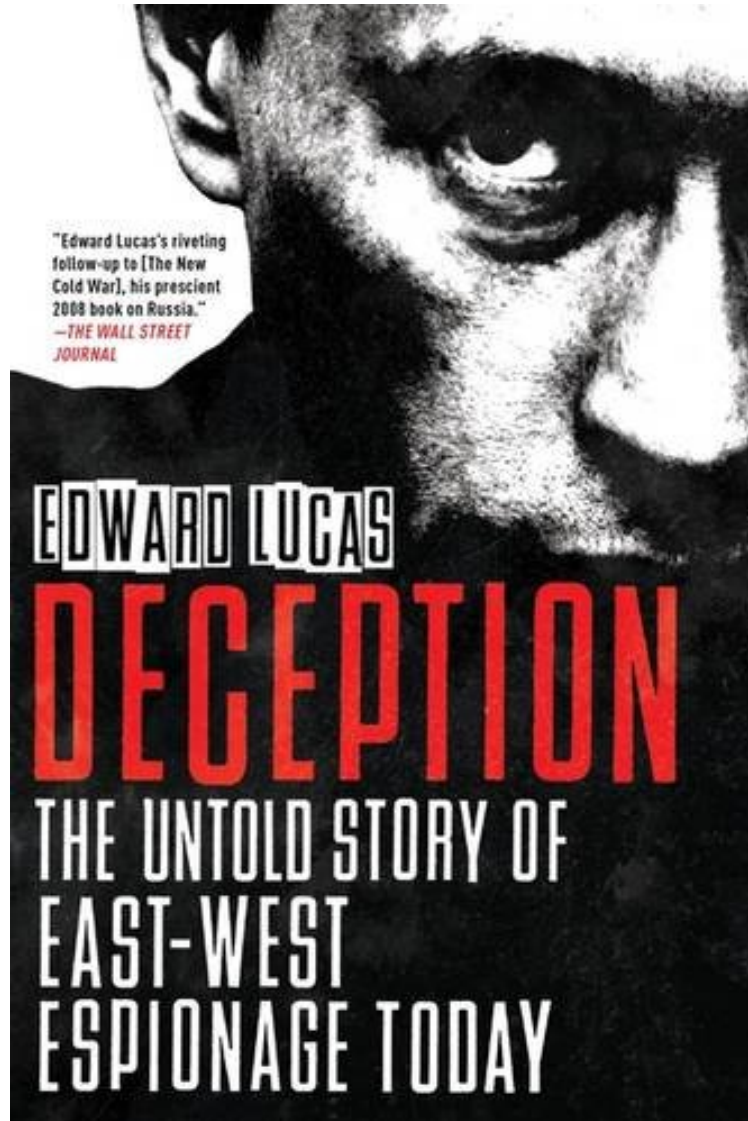


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27 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Excellent until page 193.By LinguistAbroadOverall I agree with Mr. Lucas, though I am sure that he - as I - could name many wonderful Russian individuals. As a system, however, I think he is probably quite accurate. I lived in Russia for several years. I agree that it is "xenophobic yet obsessed with

the West." I was once on a bus in Moscow during a traffic jam, due to an accident. The bus on board immediately blamed it on the 'chornies' - dark skinned people. I once was walking down a street when I heard a strange clinking noise. It was a group of about 200-300 skinheads adorned in chains. I know there are skinheads elsewhere in the world but I have never seen so many skinheads randomly walking down a street as if they own the place. My main beef with this book is that it should have ended at 192 pages. The author sets the stage well, historically, for the discovery and capture of the illegals. Thereafter, the author reverts into a historical treatise on all things Baltic spies. It was basically a completely different book. In fact, *Deception* should have been developed into 3 books: The first comprising up to and including 192. The second should be the additional historical information and facts about spies in the past as related to the Baltics and the East/West conflict (which he introduces after page 192). The third should be all about the Estonian master spy Mr. Simm (working for the Russians). It just doesn't make sense to force a separate storyline and information into the book after the climax (which was only about half way through).

41 of 43 people found the following review helpful. must read for people interested in the Baltic states

By JohnPeople who follow events in the Baltic states in English have a great source in Edward Lucas. His articles in *The Economist*, where he is a senior editor, have long provided a view of the Baltics and Russia that is closer to reality than the whitewashed articles in other publications. The view would be closer still if Lucas didn't fear baseless "libel" lawsuits in the UK and elsewhere. I enjoyed the insight Lucas put forth in "The New Cold War" in 2008 and was therefore happy to hear that he published this new book, "*Deception*," in 2012. "*Deception*" starts off with a description of the modern Russian state including detailed explanations of the Anna Chapman and Sergei Magnitsky situations. Lucas provides valuable analysis regarding the mentality of the agents in the Russian security services. Then, "*Deception*" provides a historical review of British/American/Russian/German espionage with focus on the years immediately following the 1917 Revolution and World War II. Much of the historical review is about Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. Lucas used many primary sources for his research of the current events and historical events discussed in the book. For me, the most interesting part of the book was about Herman Simm, an Estonian official who was arrested in 2008 for secretly working for Russian intelligence. Lucas gained first-hand information by interviewing Simm in prison. The process by which Simm was recruited, compensated, and operated reveals to Westerners the way in which other officials in Eastern Europe are probably controlled by Russia today. Lucas' warning throughout is that the West is making a mistake by pretending that everything is okay in democratic Russia. In his words, "the West should start exposing corrupt practices by the Russian establishment, whose ability to find havens for stolen funds and leave Russia for comfortable lives in Western nations is one of the regime's pillars of stability." I fully agree.

John Christmas, whistleblower from Parex Bank of Latvia

Note: "*Deception: Spies, Lies and How Russia Dupes the West*" is the UK edition and "*Deception: The Untold Story of East-West Espionage Today*" is the USA edition.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great insights into East-West espionage and a terrific read

By Alexander

For anyone who is curious to get to know more about (post cold war) east-west espionage, this is your book. The author gives an in-depth overview, explaining the development and position of the different intelligence agencies as well as describing in depth analysis of remarkable events, including the recent case of Anna Chapman but also operations most of us never heard about before. The information that you as reader are provided with is well researched and therefore very interesting and shows how the author wanted to do more than writing a book based on exciting espionage stories and clichés. What actually makes the book such a good book is not only the balanced and well researched information, but also the exciting way how it's written which makes it enjoyable to read while preserving the quality of the content.

From the capture of Sidney Reilly, the "Ace of Spies," by Lenin's Bolsheviks in 1925 to the deportation from the U.S. of Anna Chapman, the "Redhead Under the Bed," in 2010, Kremlin and Western spymasters have battled for supremacy for nearly a century. Edward Lucas persuasively demonstrates that "for most of the past decades, the Kremlin's spymasters have run rings around their Western adversaries"-and continue to do so well after the Cold War ended. Lucas reveals unknown triumphs and disasters of Western intelligence, providing the background for the new world of industrial and political espionage. Once the threat from Moscow was international communism; now it comes from the siloviki, Russia's ruthless "men of power." "The outcome," argues Lucas, "will determine whether the West brings Russia toward its standards of liberty, legality, and cooperation, or whether Russia will shape the West's future as we accommodate (or even adopt) the authoritarian crony capitalism that is the Moscow regime's hallmark."

"Mr. Romney's smug critics might laugh a bit less once they read "*Deception*", Edward Lucas's riveting follow-up to his prescient 2008 book on Russia.... Mr. Lucas's account of his jailhouse interview with [Herman] Simm is one of the highlights of "*Deception*", as is his meticulous reconstruction of the way the SVR recruited, ran and ultimately abandoned the Estonian. One depressing conclusion from reading "*Deception*" is that Russians are much better than their Western counterparts at the spy business. Another is that, even now, the West doesn't much seem to care that its secrets are being pilfered by a regime that wishes us ill.... Anyone who imagines that Mr. Obama's 'reset' has done much to change that picture should read this sobering book."--Bret Stephens, "*The Wall Street Journal*" "Lucas's account is a masterful achievement, blending first-class reporting with the flare of John le Carre and Daniel Silva."--

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