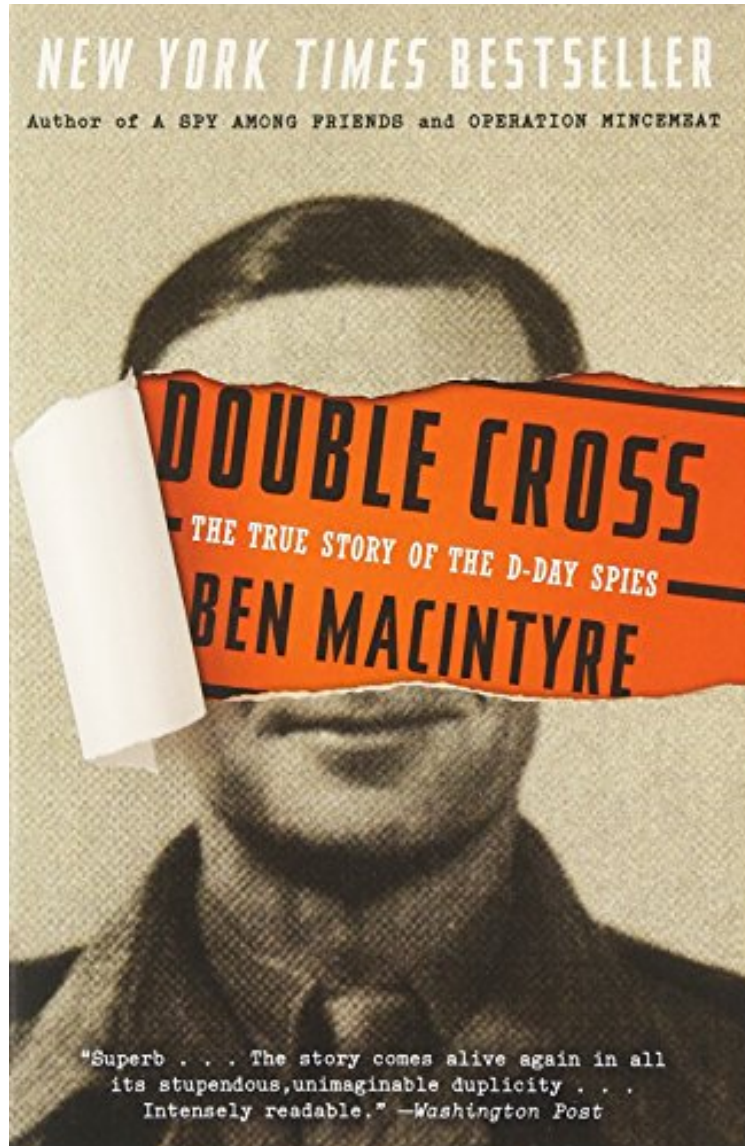


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In Double Cross, New York Times bestselling author Ben Macintyre returns with the untold story of one of the

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