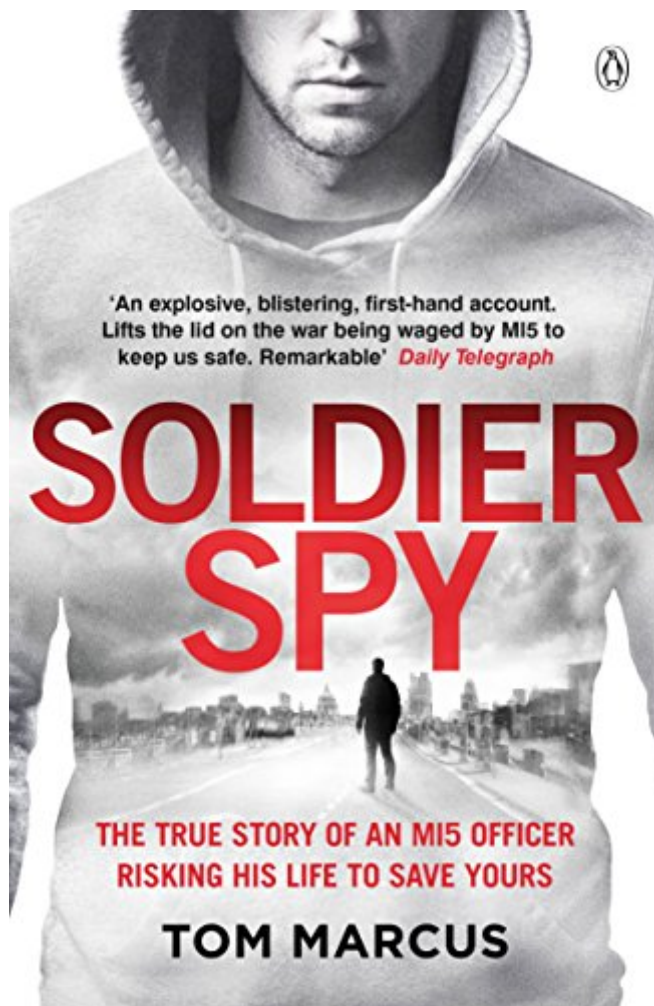




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Soldier Spy



Synopsis

In the boot were six homemade pipe bombs, all linked to detonate at the same time from a single call on a brand-new pay-as-you-go phone found on the target. Special Branch also found Chinese Type 56 assault rifles with eight full magazines full of ammunition. His target was a local school. He planned to attack two coaches of teenagers returning home after a school trip to France.

Approximately sixty children, their accompanying teachers and their waiting parents. He was going to kill them all. 'My world was dark, no colour, no right or wrong and no back-up. People like me exist to fight those no one else dares face. I wasn't the last resort; I was the only option' Tom Marcus was recruited by MI5 in the wake of the 7/7 attacks on London. After five years spent undercover as part of a covert British Army special operations unit he offered the Security Service the edge they so desperately needed. Following months of intensive training, Marcus was thrown into a world of relentless, unimaginable pressure; a never-ending struggle to prevent terrorist atrocities on our city streets, foil devastating strikes against the nation's infrastructure, and keep our country's secrets safe from foreign spies. Split second decisions carried life or death consequences. And not all his colleagues would survive the fight. In this explosive first-hand account, Soldier Spy lifts the lid on the war being waged by MI5 to keep us safe in our towns and cities for the first time; a blistering, visceral insight into life on the front line against terror, revealed in never-before-seen detail. It was a job which would inevitably exact a heavy price. But when it came down to it, Marcus knew he didn't have a choice. 'Some people join the service out of a sense of duty, some out of wanting to do some good by removing the evil. I did it because it's all I knew. I'm a hunter of people and I'm damn good at it.'

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He's lucky! I think his past and what he did with it helped him balance out his life. He has had PTSD his whole life and working in that environment helped by giving him structure but over time makes it multiply at an accelerated rate. Sometimes hitting bottom gives you a platform for rebuilding one's life. Take your time as I know you will and don't get caught slipping. Thanks, TF

I'm a fan of LeCarré and Tom Clancy. This book has the same visceral feeling of 'Without Remorse' but slightly different reading flow. Both books deal with a man who is slightly tarnished like everyone is but who has skills that can be useful in protective services or security and who, while having a tough exterior is using it as a self defence mechanism to hide their gentle hearts. I'm not saying they're weak, but that they control it and use it. I couldn't put the story down. Every page had me thinking seeing places described. Tom Marcus can tangle with the masters and probably win.

If you read this book, you will find that Tom Marcus is what they call the "Real Deal." A true accomplished professional at his job, he became what he did. This is the sign of a thoroughly dedicated professional. However, this kind of individual often has to pay a price. It's unfortunate, but it may be some kind of unfair law of nature. For his contribution to our protection and his writing of this book, he deserves more than five stars. More like Five Cojones!

A fascinating insight into the murky world of MI5, written by someone who's actually been there. Thank goodness there are people like Tom Marcus who are willing to live a life in constant danger in order to protect the rest of us. A compelling read

An interesting read that omits the glamour often portrayed on paper as to the life of a spy. The account is very down to earth and questions why anyone would wish to become an undercover officer despite the very valuable work they perform. A great page turner though I was left wanting to

know more about what happened to the writer after they left the service and more on his personal life.

You sleep well at night because men like this seek the scum of the earth in the darkness and beat them. Fantastic story written with raw emotion.

This book is about one man who has done so. The toll it takes is incredible. He is right, of course. We need to refrain from fear because people like him are on the job.

Very good

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