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London Spies is a book of historical fiction set in London, England at the end of World War II.

Phyllis Bowden, a secretary at the American Embassy, is catapulted into the limelight when the Military Attache is arrested for espionage and her boss, the Assistant Military Attache, assumes the position.

The arrest throws suspicion on everyone at the Embassy, particularly the Military Attache's secretary whose attempted suicide convinces Phyllis to be more curious about what really happened. With bombs still falling on a devastated city, Phyllis begins asking questions but she never imagined the dark underbelly of diplomacy. Entering a shadowy world of cryptic messages, secret rendezvous and dangerous men, Phyllis learns quickly that a safety net doesn't exist and if she wants to survive, she better figure out the game fast.

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Kathy Shaw says

Intrigue during WWII

A young american girl working at the American Embassy in London finds herself entangled in what looks like espionage. As she follows hunches and clues she unwittingly becomes a target. This novel was fast paced and the characters were fun. I enjoyed this book. Just finished a second reading as I will meet The Author tonight.

Geoff. Lamb says

London Spies is an excellent period novel, the period (and setting) being London in WWII. The novel is as much a detective story as it is about spies, but no matter, Phyllis is stubborn and determined. More Phyllis, please!

S.J. Slagle says

Okay, you caught me. I gave my own book a five star rating, but wait! Let me explain.

A cousin of mine was one of the first women in the CIA in 1946 and her story was too good to pass up. So I didn't. If you'd like to see her, go to my blog, which also gives much of the research for this book in various postings. <http://www.anauthorsworld.com>.

London, WW2 and women in military intelligence have long kept my interest and when I decided to write the book, the story came to me. Writers may tell you that ideas come to them in a dream (or nightmare), but I'll admit mine came through blood, sweat and tears. I work hard at writing and I believe it shows in this book. Take a look at these first chapters and see what you think.

<https://read.amazon.com/kp/embed?asin...>

I'm writing a full trilogy with Phyllis Bowden, my young woman in military intelligence, and if you contact me, I'll sign you up for my newsletter, which gives latest information about upcoming books.

<https://www.jeanneharrell.com>

And, of course, sign into Goodreads to see if any of your friends have read LONDON SPIES.

Cynthia says

I might classify this as a 'cozy historical mystery.' I think it offers a pretty historically accurate description of the atmosphere of that time period (1945), she does a real good job of describing the setting of London as a

war torn city. Jargon/lingo of that time period is used too, & that provides a bit of a 'setting' in itself. It's a good, quick read.....no bad language, sex or gore! I'd recommend it to anyone who likes a 'real/true' historical aspect to their read. A 3.5 star rating might be more accurate for me, but I round up for the good history offered! This is the 1st in a series, & I will definitely keep reading this series!

I won a copy of this book from the author in a Goodreads First Reads Giveaway program, simply in exchange for my own fair & honest review.

Hyacinth says

I have found a new genre. I am really starting to love historical fiction. This story kept me engaged from start to finish. I wasn't really fond of the ending. I of course wanted to know what happened between Joe and Phyllis. I love the mayhem with Phyllis and Lorraine. I was shocked to find out the culprit behind the racketeering. Mrs. Stewart had me in tears. This book I won in a goodreads giveaway.

Dave Wheeler says

A not to be missed read.

London Spies, meet Phyllis efficient, precise and reliable and yet still amazing, plus according to Joe stunningly beautiful. Phyllis is an American working in the American Embassy in London (you may have guest the location from the title). When her bosses boss is arrested and marched out of the Embassy in handcuffs our hero realises this is wrong and after some encouragement starts a quest that you will have to read about for yourself as you will see it will be more than worth your while. S. J. Slagle is a author i have only just found and i have to say she is a author who doesn't disappoint her knowledge of London and the final weeks of the war is very impressive, not just the historic events but she brings to life the characters, environment and atmosphere. The characters feel very real the have weakness just like you and me but some do extraordinary things as did so many in Europe throughout the war, London was not unique in this but the battering of Great Britain's Capital allowed the unoccupied City to rise or fall and it choose to rise not just the English but the many nationals that came and worked there. This book highlights example of the bravery of a few yes a novel but it feels like a good reflection of London at this time in history.

Don't miss what I feel is a great book that I can only recommend as a great read for me it was a book i couldn't put down, look out for this wonderful author S.J. Slagle.

Indiebrag says

We are proud to announce that LONDON SPIES by S.J. Slagle is a B.R.A.G.Medallion Honoree. This tells readers that this book is well worth their time and money!

Tim says

Although I enjoyed this story I was put off by the occasional errors in geography and terminology. I assume that this book was written for the American market and that American terminology is probably used

to help the reader understand but this does limit the appeal to a UK audience.

I received my copy free via Goodreads giveaways.

Lorraine says

It's London 1945 and World War 2 is just winding down. Phyllis Bowden is secretary to the Assistant Military Attache at the American Embassy. When the Military Attache is relieved of duty and accused of spying, no one believes that Col. Lawrence did this. Richard Simpson, Phyllis' boss, is promoted to Military Attache, and they both feel they need to find out what really happened.

This is my first mystery by Slagle. I enjoyed the mystery very much. The historical detail of London at this point in World War 2 was well highlighted and made me feel I was right there in London. The feel of desperation of both the military personnel and the civilian women who worked in London comes through strongly as they live an "eat, drink, and be merry lifestyle." There is a lot of drinking included, but I could understand the feelings of these young adults wondering if they would live to see the end of the war.

An interesting intrigue mystery that would appeal to both world war 2 and suspense readers.

Jeanne Harrell says

Good spy mystery

I enjoy historical dramas especially those based on true events. The protagonist was realistic with a good supporting character to help her. I'd recommend the book to anyone who enjoys novels about world war 2.

Judie says

I would classify London Spies as young adult.

Barbara Schlichting says

I enjoy reading about WWII and the intrigue with the spies and how people coped during the war.

Jeanette says

I was pleased to have won this book in a recent Goodreads First Reads giveaway. Historical fiction is one of my favourite genres!

I enjoyed this book and although I seldom write what a story is about for fear of spoiling for others, I do

recommend.
