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**John Earl Haynes, Mr. Harvey Klehr, Alexander Vassiliev : Spies: The Rise and Fall of the KGB in America** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Spies: The Rise and Fall of the KGB in America:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A good expose of early Soviet espionage in AmericaBy F. Carol Sabin"Spies" is one of the very best books about the early Soviet espionage in America. Inspired from KGB archives, the book had at least a solid credibility, as was the case with Mitrokhin archive. I read a book which is almost

complete, interesting and definitely resolves long-seething controversies on particular cases (Hiss, Stone etc). No wonder, the Hiss case is showed in the 1st chapter, closing forever this debate (in 32 pages) following a lengthy introduction. The atomic spies received a particular attention in the longest chapter of the book. (no less than 112 pages!) This chapter is an in-depth analysis of the successes and failures of the Soviet agents in obtaining the secrets of the atomic bomb. Chapter 3 identified the journalist spies (50 pages), while chapter 4 treated the infiltration of US government (98 pages). I was particular interested in the identification of the Soviet spies in OSS and the book answered with interesting cases (12 spies were presented, an impressive number achieved in only 3 years!). This chapter is followed with the agents recruited in the scientific technical field. The next two chapters dealt with couriers and support personnel and also celebrities cases. The last chapter showed the strengths and weaknesses of the KGB operations in US. As this one were not enough we also having an interesting conclusion. An interesting and I believe the most striking point which is revealed in this book is the sheer number of Americans who assisted KGB agents. No less than 500 persons were involved in espionage activities, only a portion of who have been discussed in this book. At one point (page 73), the authors wrote that more than 175 cover names of American spies were never linked to real names. In spite of being presented in a very dry fashion (case after case-the result of archived material), but with no photos, this book is a remarkable study about the Soviet espionage in the US during 1930s and 1940s. Moreover, "Spies" can supplement other interesting books about Soviet intelligence operations, which also treated the same specific subject ("The Sword and the shield vol.1", "The haunted wood", etc). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Mc Carthy had a point...By Charles B. Warren...which is extensively documented and cross referenced from the source - KGB HQ Moscow. A question which remains valid today, the age of jihadism, is how can a free society retain liberty while defending itself? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book for those interested in the historical background of ...By The Bruce Excellent book for those interested in the historical background of the NKVD or KGB in America. The authors are extremely credible in this field and have decades of research invested in the VENONA decryption, Comintern files, and the newer information from the 1990's from the KGB archives. A must have for historians studying the Cold War!

This stunning book, based on KGB archives that have never come to light before, provides the most complete account of Soviet espionage in America ever written. In 1993, former KGB officer Alexander Vassiliev was permitted unique access to Stalin-era records of Soviet intelligence operations against the United States. Years later, living in Britain, Vassiliev retrieved his extensive notebooks of transcribed documents from Moscow. With these notebooks John Earl Haynes and Harvey Klehr have meticulously constructed a new, sometimes shocking, historical account. Along with general insights into espionage tactics and the motives of Americans who spied for Stalin, Spies resolves specific, long-seething controversies. The book confirms, among many other things, that Alger Hiss cooperated with Soviet intelligence over a long period of years, that journalist I. F. Stone worked on behalf of the KGB in the 1930s, and that Robert Oppenheimer was never recruited by Soviet intelligence. Spies also uncovers numerous American spies who were never even under suspicion and satisfyingly identifies the last unaccounted for American nuclear spies. Vassiliev tells the story of the notebooks and his own extraordinary life in a gripping introduction to the volume.

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