

In from the Cold



John LeCarré's espionage thriller "The Spy Who came in from the Cold" wasn't, as once thought, the story of an East German operative defecting to the British Secret Intelligence Service. Rather, it was the more mundane tale of Benny Pringler, who liked to spy on passers-by from his front porch during the spring, summer, and fall, but in the winter "came in from the cold" and surveilled people from backstage of the Meptang Theater.