

## Spies, Spooks and Secret Agents

Spies, spooks and secret agents – they are all the same thing really, people trying to find out what the other side are up to. Once they have found out they can then use counter measures to stop the enemy being successful! Spies have existed for centuries and the work is often boring, difficult and dangerous but it still gives the impression of excitement and glamour. Not surprising then that authors like to invent tales about spies – especially young spies!

The Point Blanc Academy was created to teach young spies the tricks of the trade, and student **Alex Rider** soon needs his new found skills when he goes out into the real world. **Anthony Horowitz** has written a number of books following Alex Rider's adventures and we have some in the YC Library

**POINT BLANC**            **16419**

**SKELETON KEY**        **16596**

**STORMBREAKER**      **16385**

Another adventure by Anthony Horowitz features the Diamond Brothers

**SOUTH BY SOUTH EAST**    **16646**

Most people have heard of **Ian Fleming's** hero **James Bond**, from the books and the films. Have you ever wondered what James Bond was like as a teenager and how he became a spy? **Charlie Higson** has investigated the world of the young James in **SILVERFIN 15641**. Other adventures, **BLOOD FEVER** and **DOUBLE OR DIE** will soon be available at YC. If you want to read Ian Fleming's novels you can order them from the main Calibre library.

**Biggles** by **Captain WE Johns** is an all round adventure hero and pilot, who has also been sent on secret espionage missions, usually against German targets .

**BIGGLES AND THE PLOT THAT FAILED**      **15683**

**BIGGLES IN SPAIN**    **16250**

A classic spy story is **KIM 16565**. Written by **Rudyard Kipling** and set in India it tells the story of Kimball O'Hara, a young white, sahib who joins the secret service to play The Great Game!

**Malorie Blackman** has written several books featuring spying and espionage, and again we have some available for you to read.

**A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. 16010**  
**HACKER 15724**  
**OPERATION GADGETMAN! 16511**  
**TELL ME NO LIES 16211**

Of course not all spies are boys, there are plenty of girls willing to take on daring challenges. Set in the time of Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>, Lady Grace is to be found deeply involved in the intrigues at Court. **The Lady Grace Mysteries** are written by **Grace Cavendish**.

**THE LADY GRACE MYSTERIES: ASSASSIN 16474**  
**THE LADY GRACE MYSTERIES: BETRAYAL 16481**

Twelve-year-old Eleanor Conway is chosen to join the secretive Castle Seven organization, she must take part in missions and adventures on her community's behalf. You can read about Eleanor in **Matt Thorne's** book **GREENGROVE CASTLE 16473**.

The books featured are all Key Stage 2 and 3, but older, Key stage 4, borrowers might also be interested in two books from the main Calibre library.

**MAMMOTH BOOK OF SHORT SPY STORIES 8120**  
**THE SPIES BEDSIDE BOOK 8039**

I hope you find some books here to interest you and give you a Summer of intrigue!

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