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JOHN LE CARRÉ MOVES TO PENGUIN

London, 26 October 2009. After thirty-five years with his publisher, Hodder, John le Carré is to move to Penguin with the publication of his next novel which will be published by Viking in hardback. Le Carré's backlist titles will also move to Penguin and become Penguin Modern Classics as the licenses expire over the coming years.

The new novel will be published in 2010 and at the same time *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and *The Russia House* will be reissued in Penguin Modern Classics.

Tom Weldon, deputy chief executive of Penguin UK said, "We are thrilled to welcome John le Carré to Penguin. There are very few novelists writing today who combine such terrific narrative, unforgettable characters and an urgent engagement with our own times. I've been a le Carré fan for well over half my life and it is an honour that he is entrusting Penguin both with his fabulous new novel and his backlist. He is one of the most enthralling and important chroniclers of our age, and his books are, in the truest sense of the phrase, modern classics."

David Cornwell said today, "It saddens me to be leaving Hodders after 35 loyal years before the mast, covering three changes of ownership. But the opportunity to see my life's work presented by a classic paperback house with a unique backlist is at this stage in my career unmissable. I shall always remember the good fellowship, unfailing support and sales energy of the inimitable Hodder team, and I am grateful but not at all surprised that the manner of my parting is being conducted with civility and mutual consideration."

Jonny Geller of Curtis Brown literary agency conducted the deal on John le Carré's behalf.

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