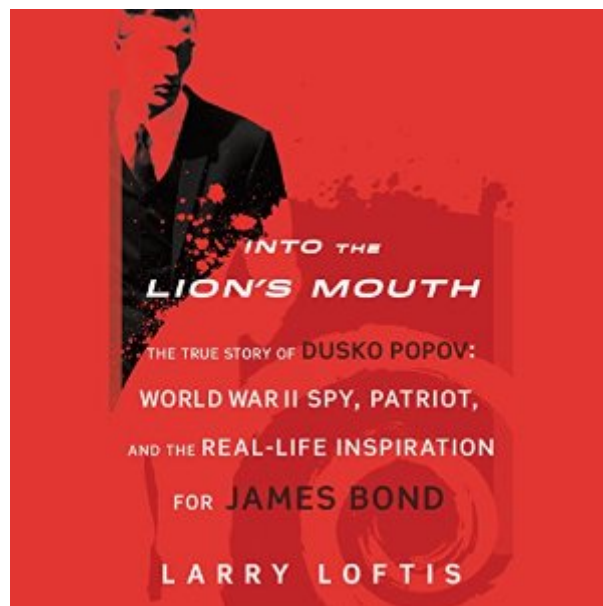


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Into The Lion's Mouth: The True Story Of Dusko Popov: Word War II Spy, Patriot, And The Real-Life Inspiration For James Bond



Synopsis

James Bond has nothing on Dusko Popov. A double agent for the Abwehr, MI5 and MI6, and the FBI during World War II, Popov seduced numerous women, spoke five languages, and was a crack shot, all while maintaining his cover as a Yugoslavian diplomat.... On a cool August evening in 1941, a Serbian playboy created a stir at Casino Estoril in Portugal by throwing down an outrageously large baccarat bet to humiliate his opponent. The Serbian was a British double agent, and the money - which he had just stolen from the Germans - belonged to the British. From the sideline, watching with intent interest, was none other than Ian Fleming. The Serbian was Dusko Popov. As a youngster he had been expelled from his London prep school. Years later he would be arrested and banished from Germany for making derogatory statements about the Third Reich. When World War II ensued, the playboy became a spy, eventually serving three dangerous masters: the Abwehr, MI5 and MI6, and the FBI. On August 10, 1941, the Germans sent Popov to the United States to construct a spy network and gather information on Pearl Harbor. The FBI ignored his German questionnaire, but J. Edgar Hoover succeeded in blowing his cover. While MI5 desperately needed Popov to deceive the Abwehr about the D-day invasion, they assured him that a return to the German secret service headquarters in Lisbon would result in torture and execution. He went anyway.... Into the Lion's Mouth is a globe-trotting account of a man's entanglement with espionage, murder, assassins, and lovers - including enemy spies and a Hollywood starlet. It is a story of subterfuge and seduction, patriotism, and cold-blooded courage. It is the story of Dusko Popov - the inspiration for James Bond.

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Customer Reviews

I was lucky enough to get an advanced copy of Into the Lion's Mouth, and could not put it down. A mark of a GREAT book is that it transports you to another world, and while I am a huge fan of history, sometimes these books feel like work. But not with Lion's Mouth. Loftis's writing grabs you-making it feel like you are reading a thriller. I cannot recommend this book enough. If you are a fan of WW II or James Bond/ Ian Flemming, do not miss this one!

Do yourself a favor and read this exciting historical thriller. Intrigue, deception and nonstop action make this read exceptionally entertaining. Loftis debuts the perfect combination of pulse quickening drama and real life events.

If you are interested in WWII & DDay it's a must read. This man was part of the double cross team that fooled the Germans into believing the invasion would NOT come to Normandy. you will also learn how the FBI dropped the ball on Pearl Harbor. This guys was "the real James Bond". He faced danger and had a woman in every port. Recommend!

This was very well written and extensively researched. I was expecting a novel based comparing Dusko Popov with James Bond only as far as his playboy exploits were concerned. It was very surprising to read the Popov was the top spy for both the British and English This book gave a detailed account of how spies ere handled in WWII. A full accounting of J. Edgar Hoover's mishandling of information that would have saved Pearl Harbor was chronicled. Hoover had no concern for the soldiers and sailors of America, he was only driven by his own narrow-mindedness and mental illness. I recommend this book every reader I know.

Decided to read this book after hearing the author interviewed on The Art of Manliness Podcast, and I am very happy that I did. Prior to this I really had no significant awareness of this real-life spy who inspired Ian Flemming. More than that, Popov played a crucial role in WWII. This book is well-written and it's a page-turner.

Riveting true life account of maybe the greatest spy ever. Larry Loftis research is both astonishing and exhaustive. There is little doubt that Popov was the real life inspiration for James Bond. A must

read for WW 11 espionage enthusiasts as well as the true life Spy thriller genre. You will be "shaken and stirred" after reading this great story.

If you're used to reading military history non-fiction from authors such as Antony Beevor, you'll find this is a comparatively breezy read. The author has done some serious digging to find out some interesting angles of U.S. espionage. When you've completed the book, you're really going to further question the motives of one particular U.S. official, who was, without a doubt, the most questionable U.S. official who officiated during my lifetime. And I'm 55. And now, I really really loathe that duplicitous S.O.B., and in his case, that's really more of an insult to canines. Anyway, it's a terrific book, and I look forward to his next one. It is a historical non-fiction book though, complete with footnotes and annotations. Obviously, you don't have to read those, but you should.

Fascinating story of double/triple agents in WWII. Ian Fleming modeled his first James Bond book, Casino Royale, on the main spy, Dusko, in this true story since he was one of his British handlers. You will easily note the similarities. Many people involved in Germany, England and the U.S. so one has to focus on all the characters. I read it on the Kindle and it is really a book that should be in print version so it would be easy to go back and refer to the list of "players" in this true spy game. I took pictures with my phone of the character pages and could refer to them easily while reading. Spy methods were quite primitive. Herbert Hoover did not convey important information to other government officials. If you are a student of WWII this is an important book to add to your list. Not the easiest or quickest read, but worth the time and effort. Really admire the research that the author pursued to bring this book to fruition. Spying had some pretty primitive methods in the '40's. One wouldn't last a week in today's high tech world, and realizing those simpler times was a treasure.

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