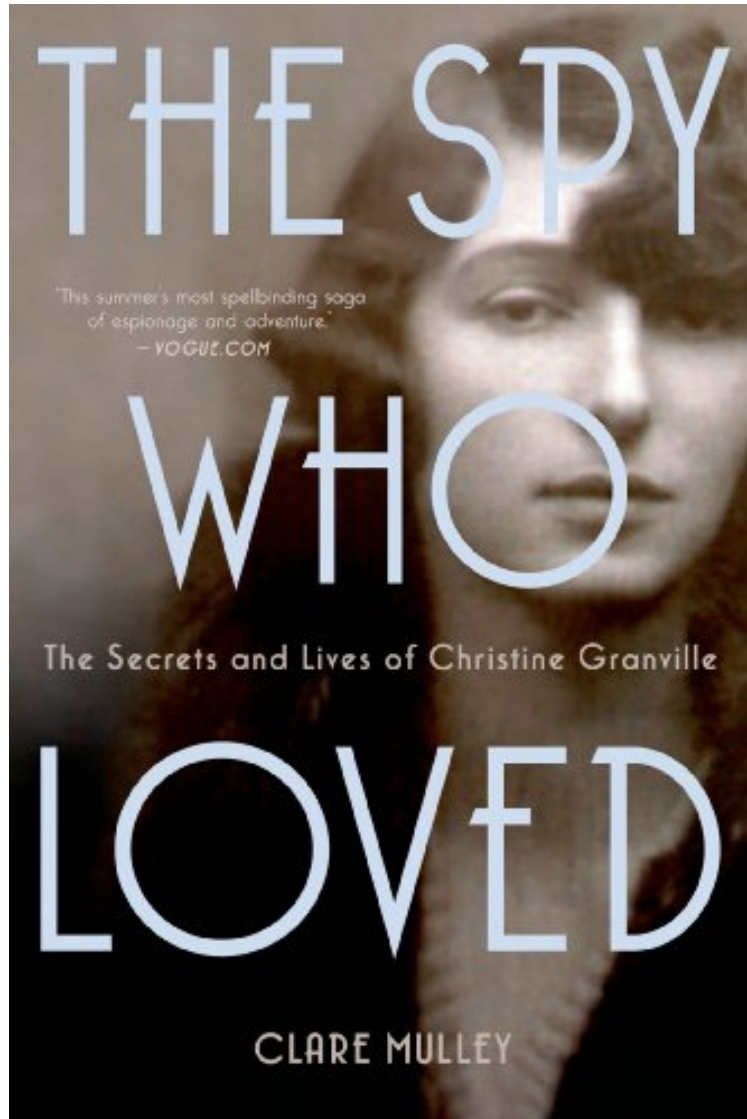


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and fortitude. But, I am not sure how true some of it is, maybe because I am born cynic and know from experience things often get embellished upon in the retelling. I have read quite a bit about the Second World War but none quite like this one. It's interesting in the aspect it tells of how the everyday person lived and dealt with having their country invaded and turned into a killing field. It tells the story of those who choose to fight for the allies undercover. I had never heard of the woman until I decided to buy and read this book. It attracted me because it was in a different vein from most war stories. It is well researched and informative. I got online and looked her up, just to see what was said about her. It is a good read. I enjoyed the story and gave the read a unique glimpse into the era and the people who lived it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very exciting story. By LOULOU M Marvelous true story. Inspiring and admirable, reads like a thriller. Keeps you reading and it's hard to stop. Wish there were more books that holds your attention the way this one does. I have already recommended it to friends. My husband is eagerly waiting to read it next. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Happy for daring " et avoir cueilli les roses de sa vie ". By Visa For those of us who had had one great event to remember which was our personal Continental Divide can relate to Christine Her patriotism is unequalled even though originally fueled by the need to be accepted by other Poles who snubbed her . I found her total abandon to experience all sensations without care as to consequences enviable. Only such a war could give cover for her recklessness and unabashed daring . I am happy that she " loved and lived" . After the war , after such "monumental experiences" how could she have lived on domesticated and ordinary ? and for what ? her country, family lost , and having to deal with the ravages of aging ! it is hard to be a survivor and not to feel guilty for having made it and live with people like some of her negative critics who lived sheltered lives and could never understand what it was like to live under communist oppression , prison, loneliness. Thank you Clare Mulley for your inspiring story.

The Untold Story of Britain's First Female Special Agent of World War II In June 1952, a woman was murdered by an obsessed colleague in a hotel in the South Kensington district of London. Her name was Christine Granville. That she died young was perhaps unsurprising; that she had survived the Second World War was remarkable. The daughter of a feckless Polish aristocrat and his wealthy Jewish wife, Granville would become one of Britain's most daring and highly decorated special agents. Having fled to Britain on the outbreak of war, she was recruited by the intelligence services and took on mission after mission. She skied over the hazardous High Tatras into occupied Poland, served in Egypt and North Africa, and was later parachuted behind enemy lines into France, where an agent's life expectancy was only six weeks. Her courage, quick wit, and determination won her release from arrest more than once, and saved the lives of several fellow officers including one of her many lovers just hours before their execution by the Gestapo. More importantly, the intelligence she gathered in her espionage was a significant contribution to the Allied war effort, and she was awarded the George Medal, the OBE, and the Croix de Guerre. Granville exercised a mesmeric power on those who knew her. In *The Spy Who Loved*, acclaimed biographer Clare Mulley tells the extraordinary history of this charismatic, difficult, fearless, and altogether extraordinary woman.

.com An Best Book of the Month, June 2013: Mere weeks after Germany's 1939 invasion of Poland, a woman the British Secret Services described as a "flaming Polish patriot, expert skier and great adventuress" had made her way back from South Africa to London with a brazen proposal: to ski into Poland from Hungary via the Carpathian Mountains. By the time Hitler's forces fell, Christine Granville had accomplished this and more extraordinary feats, delivering supplies, gathering vital intelligence, and defying expectations. She became Britain's first (and longest serving) female special agent, conducting undercover operations in two occupied countries and missions in numerous theaters of war, rescuing officers minutes before their execution and bringing hundreds of POWs back to the front lines. This story of how a charismatic Jewish Countess and beauty queen--raised to be a sedate society wife--parlayed her crackling vitality, flair for languages, and intrepid determination into action that directly undermined the Nazis makes for a sweepingly cinematic read. Churchill's favorite spy, one of the most decorated female intelligence agents of WWII, and one of her era's most liberated (and desired) women, Granville was driven by a passion for liberty "in love, in politics, and in life in the widest sense." Mulley has a sensitive, elegant, and wry way with Granville's story, informed by deep research into the scant published and complex unpublished material, and coupled with her own new interviews Christine's living friends and their children that vividly humanize her. And while her murder in 1952 at the hands of a jealous lover robbed her of the chance to fully realize her post-war promise, *The Spy Who Loved* is a marvelous tribute to her life and legacy. --Mari Malcolm This summer's most spellbinding saga of espionage and adventure. Vogue.com Admirable and overdue. Ben Macintyre, *The New York Times* Book Outstanding.... While a few books about Christine have emerged in the intervening decades, only now, with the publication of Clare Mulley's scrupulously researched and expertly rendered biography, do we have a multi-dimensional, uncensored, impartial portrait of the legendary spy--said to be Churchill's favorite--whose 44-year existence was filled with more eye-popping adventures than we'd find plausible in any novel or movie. *The Daily Beast* Well-written and thoroughly researched One British functionary described [Granville's] dispatches from the field as 'good reading.' The same can be said of Ms. Mulley's biography of this extraordinary woman. *Wall Street Journal* A stunning biographical achievement.

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Mulley vividly brings to life not only a resourceful and unusual woman but in doing so helps us understand what makes an ordinary person act with superhuman courage in times of adversity. The Spy Who Loved is required reading for anyone interested in understanding what makes an ordinary person act with superhuman courage in times of adversity. This is a gripping read. Anne Sebba, New York Times bestselling author of *That Woman*Not only was Christine Granville Britain's first woman agent in World War II but carried out some of the most daring missions ever conceived. Her biographer Clare Mulley has provided a vivid account of her activities yet maintains a balanced assessment of the results. Careful research has created sustained tension, vitality and immediacy which are truly page-turning. Gordon Thomas, bestselling author of *The Pope's Jews* and *Gideon's Spies*I enjoyed and admired *The Spy Who Loved* A really gripping account of the remarkable Christine Granville. Simon Mawer, bestselling author of *Trapeze* and *The Glass Room*An astonishing story, brilliantly told. If a Hollywood movie isn't made about Christine Granville's remarkable life, I'd be amazed. Charles Cumming, award-winning author of *A Foreign Country*Impressively researched, and absolutely fascinating. Christine Granville is one of those women you can't help wishing you'd met in real life. Jojo Moyes, award-winning author of *Me Before You*Compulsively readable Clare Mulley has done a dogged piece of detective work piecing together Christine's ultimately tragic life She has written a thrilling book, and paid overdue homage to a difficult woman who seized life with both hands *The Sunday Telegraph* (UK)Brings alive a glamorous, swashbuckling heroine *Sunday Times* (UK)Engrossing biography details the high-voltage life of one of Britain's most remarkable female spies... Fascinating *Mail on Sunday* (UK)Mulley's fastidiously researched tome provides the most detailed picture yet. *Sunday Express* (UK)The brutal end of Christine Granville's short life told with terrific lan and mesmerising detail by Clare Mulley came when the last of a multitude of spellbound lovers stabbed her through the heart in the bedroom of a Kensington hotel. [a] splendid book [a] captivating female version of the *Scarlet Pimpernel* Christine Granville remains as alive, well and compelling as ever: a figure of radiant magnetism, ruthless determination and a courage that as several of them attested could make a strong man shudder. *The Telegraph* (UK) Five Stars (out of five)Drawing on an unprecedented range of sources, Clare Mulley's *The Spy Who Loved* is a fine account of Christine Granville's extraordinary war, told with skill and care... Mulley succeeds in making her human... What is quite clear from this inspiring biography is that Granville was as charismatic as she was courageous. Roderick Bailey, *Literary* This is the first book about [Granville] for more than 30 years - and it painstakingly disentangles her complex story and equally complex character. Clare Mulley has made a fine and soberly thrilling addition to the literature of the undercover war - the sort that does not exaggerate or mythologise Christine did not want a normal life: all she cared for was freedom, independence and adventure - the more dangerous, the better. This book, massively researched and excitingly told, brings an extraordinary heroine back to life. *Daily Mail* (UK)This is a meticulously researched but also highly readable account of [Granville's] heroic but unfulfilled and deeply tragic life, without any attempt at gloss. It is one of the most exciting books I've read this year. Alistair Horne, *The Spectator* (UK)Assiduously researched, passionately written and highly atmospheric biography Not just the story of a uniquely brave and complicated patriot, but also a scholarly and tautly written account of secret operations in occupied Europe. *The Economist*About the AuthorCLARE MULLEY is the author of *The Woman Who Saved the Children: A Biography of Eglantyne Jebb*, which won the *Daily Mail* Biographers' Club Prize. She is a contributor to *The Arvon Book of Life Writing* and is a seasoned public speaker. She has written for *History Today*, *The Express*, and *The Church Times*.