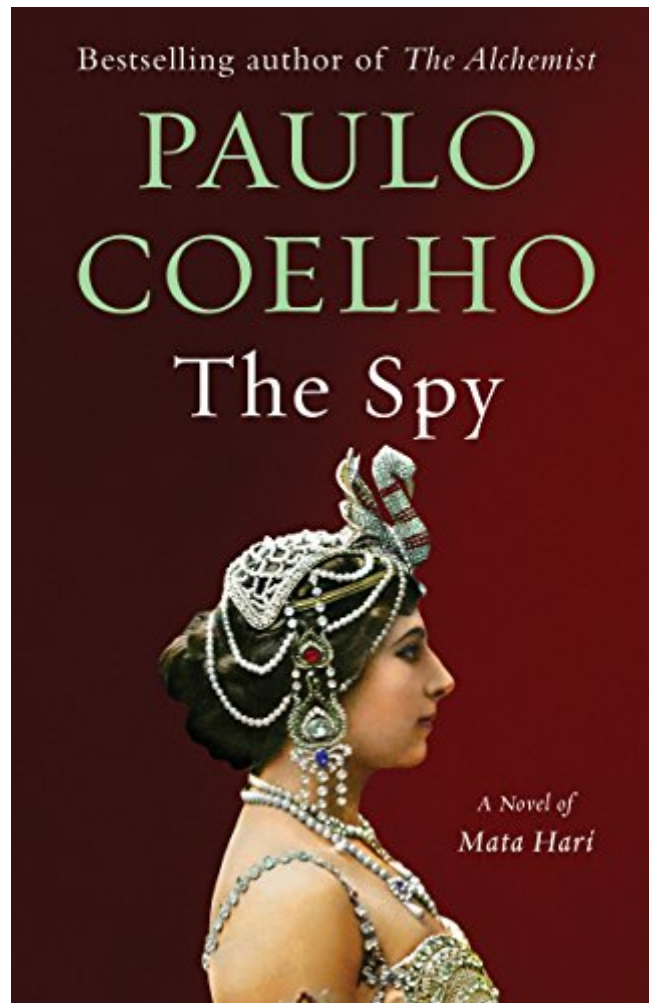




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Synopsis

In his new novel, Paulo Coelho, bestselling author of *The Alchemist* and *Adultery*, brings to life one of history's most enigmatic women: Mata Hari. **HER ONLY CRIME WAS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT WOMAN** When Mata Hari arrived in Paris she was penniless. Within months she was the most celebrated woman in the city. As a dancer, she shocked and delighted audiences; as a courtesan, she bewitched the era's richest and most powerful men. But as paranoia consumed a country at war, Mata Hari's lifestyle brought her under suspicion. In 1917, she was arrested in her hotel room on the Champs Elysees, and accused of espionage. Told in Mata Hari's voice through her final letter, *The Spy* is the unforgettable story of a woman who dared to defy convention and who paid the ultimate price.

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Great book, even though fictional account of Mata Hari, justice was given to her cause

Coelho has written a short, very readable story about the infamous Mata Hari, the most famous

"spy" in the First World War. He reveals her personality through her letters as well as the facts of the case. Highly readable.

Kept me interested but since the whole story wasn't told I was left in limbo. I would of liked to know more details of how and when she got into this predicament. But if you don't have anything to do one Sunday afternoon this book is great to read because you'll read it in one sitting.

Read over a dozen of Coelho's books. This one feels like a throwaway with insipid platitudes thrown in for the fans. I learned so much about Mata Hari I came to dislike her when before I was ambivalent.

It was fairly informative, but I felt as if it just skimmed the surface, and had a slanted view.

A well-written, easy read, but I would have like to learned more about Mata Hari. She seemed to be an interesting person, particularly for her time. After reading the book, I did a little research on her life and found that there was more available than was in the book. I wish Coelho would have included more information; this is the reason I gave four stars.

I am not sure what I expected. This book was interesting. However, I didn't feel it had much to say. I did think writing would be spectacular but it was not, in my opinion.

Very informative about the historical period in which the book is set. An amazing story about the life of Mata Hari, and how she became the infamous person she was in very troubled times.

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