

mocracy” as the victors’ history of the past 80 years has tried to brainwash us into believing.

The John Buchan legacy

Hopkirk puffs his book as the “true story,” a documented version of the novel *Greenmantle*, by the late John Buchan, which Hopkirk calls the “immortal secret service thriller” about the “colossal conspiracy” of the Germans and Ottoman Turks. This was one of the most widely read books during the war. As Hopkirk notes, “Buchan was himself closely involved in intelligence work at this time, and had ready access to secret reports on what the Germans were up to in the East. As T.E. Lawrence [Lawrence of Arabia], a friend of Buchan’s, observed after the war: *Greenmantle* has more than a flavor of truth.”

Hopkirk coyly does not report that Buchan, a.k.a. Lord

Tweedsmuir, was a key figure in Lord Alfred Milner’s “Kinderergarten,” the group associated with the British “Round Tables” that assumed power in 1917, and replaced the relatively inept Asquith government with the more oligarchically “efficient” Lloyd George regime.

Buchan was a member of Lord Beaverbrook’s Ministry of Information and Propaganda, and therefore a figure essential to the British war propaganda effort in the later months of World War I, including in the manipulations to bring the United States into the war on the side of the British. Hopkirk, in mimicking Buchan as an intelligence specialist, liberally disinforming the reader about the nature of British war operations, including in Turkey’s capital, Constantinople.

Buchan’s ghost is alive and well today, in Hopkirk’s efforts to keep alive the British-spawned mythology about the Fourth Reich threat of a “resurgent Germany.”

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