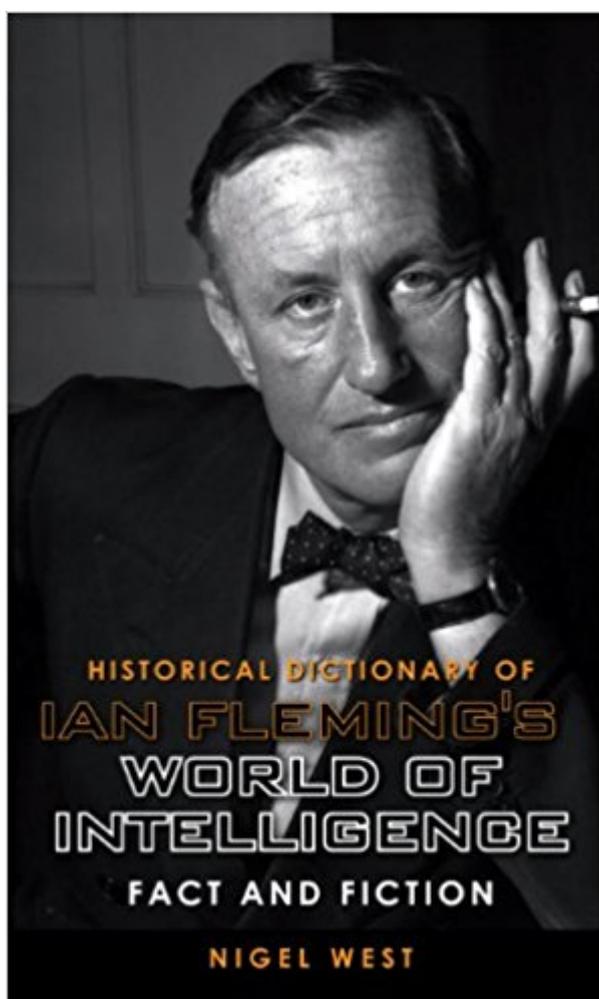


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I gave this to a relative for his birthday and he said he found it very interesting and informative - He is a James Bond "groupie"

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