



THE SECRET AGENT

An explosive and heart-breaking adaptation of Joseph Conrad's classic novel of terrorism, espionage and betrayal.

London, 1886 and Verloc (Emmy® and Golden Globe-nominee Toby Jones, *Wayward Pines*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *The Hunger Games*) runs a seedy sex shop in the heart of Soho. Unbeknown to his loyal wife Winnie (Vicky McClure, *Line of Duty*, *This is England*), Verloc also works for the Russian embassy, spying on a group of London anarchists. The Russians are furious with the English establishment's indifference to the anarchist threat gripping the rest of Europe. So Verloc is assigned a mission: blow up the Greenwich Observatory and make it look like a terrorist attack to provoke a crackdown. Should he fail, Verloc's real identity as a spy will be exposed to his vicious comrades.

Verloc is forced to turn to the volatile Professor (Ian Hart) to supply explosives, which in turn attracts the attention of Chief Inspector Heat of Scotland Yard (Stephen Graham). Caught between the Russians and the police, Verloc grooms Winnie's younger brother Stevie as his unsuspecting accomplice. When the truth outs, Verloc has to face Winnie's wrath...

Produced for BBC One by World Productions, producers of the acclaimed *Line of Duty*, this riveting psychological thriller is adapted by BAFTA award-winning Tony Marchant (*The Mark of Cain*, *Great Expectations*) and directed by Emmy® award-winning Charles McDougall (*Hillsborough*, *House of Cards*, *The Good Wife*).

Duration
4 x 45-minutes

Country of Production
UK

Cast includes

Toby Jones
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
Vicky McClure
Line of Duty
Stephen Graham
This is England
Ian Hart
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Writer
Tony Marchant
The Mark of Cain

Director
Charles McDougall
The Office

World Productions for BBC One

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"Vicky McClure's sensational"
EMPIRE
"Fascinating" - THE TELEGRAPH
"Unmissable" - THE IRISH TIMES