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by Erskine Childers (1870 – 1922)

Published in 1903, *The Riddle of the Sands* enjoyed immense popularity in the years before World War I and was extremely influential. Childers' biographer Andrew Boyle noted: "For the next ten years Childers's book remained the most powerful contribution of any English writer to the debate on Britain's alleged military unpreparedness".

Often called the first modern spy novel, the book tells the story of two young Englishmen sailing in the German Frisian islands, who stumble upon a secret German plot to invade Britain. (*Wikipedia*)

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