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Richard Hannay's boredom is soon relieved when the resourceful engineer is caught up in a web of secret codes, spies, and murder on the eve of WWI. This exciting action–adventure story was the inspiration for Alfred Hitchcock's 1939 classic film of the same name. John Buchan (1875–1940) was Governor General of Canada and a popular novelist. Although condemned by some for anti–Semitic dialog in *The Thirty–Nine Steps*, his character's sentiments do not represent the view of the author who was identified in Hitler's Sonderfahndungsliste (special search list) as a "Jewish sympathiser." (Summary by Adrian Praetzellis)

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