



## My Life as a Spy

**John A. Walker Jr.**

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John A. Walker Jr., one of America's most notorious spies, is incarcerated in the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, where he is serving a life sentence.

In 1985, Walker was arrested for selling highly classified information to the Soviet Union, for which he had been spying since 1968. In *My Life as a Spy*, Walker reveals why he became a spy and how he justified the actions he believes helped end the cold war. The author claims the cold war was trumped up by the United States against the USSR, a nation that was no match for U.S. military might, and that shadowy government officials murdered President Kennedy because they feared that his peace feelers toward the Soviets would bring the conflict to an end.

Walker's memoir of his life inside and outside prison is interesting. The espionage not only ruined his life, it also tore apart his family. Although Walker's claim that he is in no small part responsible for the end of the cold war strains credulity, his account will give readers much to ponder.

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