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Patrick Alexander: 1926-2003

Patrick Alexander worked as a reporter and television writer. He travelled widely in Russia and Western Europe, and wrote several successful espionage thrillers. His first novel, *Death of a Thin-Skinned Animal* (1976), was published to critical acclaim and translated into ten languages, receiving the John Creasy Award (now known as the CWA New Blood Dagger). It was later made into the film *The Professional*, starring Jean-Paul Belmondo. His further novels include *Show Me A Hero* (1979), *Soldier On The Other Side* (1983) and *Ryfka* (1988).