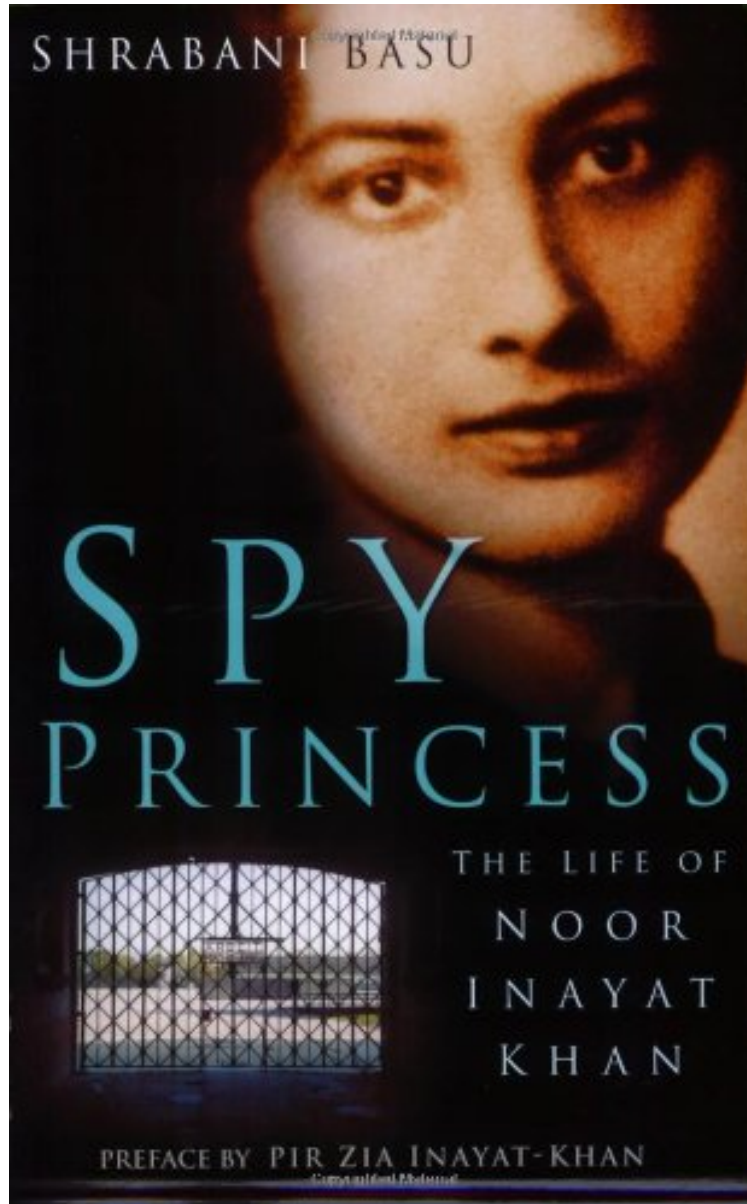


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\*This is the remarkable biography of Noor Inayat Khan, code named ""Madeleine"". The first woman wireless transmitter in occupied France during WWII, she was trained by Britain's SOE and assumed the most dangerous resistance post in underground Paris. Betr

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