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been called 'the other Holocaust'. During the Stalin years, it is thought that more innocent men, women and children perished than in Hitler's destruction of the European Jews. Many millions died in Stalin's Gulag of torture prisons and forced-labour camps, yet others survived and were freed after his death in 1953.

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history, from Galileo to

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climate change, have
often had to contend
with politics in their
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where the ruling elites
embraced, patronized,
and even fetishized
science like never
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their lives on a knife edge. The Soviet Union had the best-funded scientific establishment in history. Scientists were elevated as popular heroes and lavished with awards and privileges. But if their ideas or their field of study lost favor with the elites, they could be exiled, imprisoned, or murdered. And yet they

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and ideologues into an intimate and sometimes horrifying portrait of a state determined to remake the world. They often wreaked great harm. Stalin was himself an amateur botanist, and by falling under the sway of dangerous charlatans like Trofim Lysenko (who denied the existence of genes), and by relying on

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antiquated ideas of
biology, he not only
destroyed the lives of
hundreds of brilliant
scientists, he caused the
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through famine. But
from atomic physics to
management theory,
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and psychology, these
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masterpiece.”—Mark
Edele, Australian
Book Review “A very*

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*digestible biography,
yet one packed with
revelations.”—Paul E.*

*Richardson, Russian
Life Magazine*

*Soviet socialism was
based on paradoxes
that were revealed by
the peculiar*

*experience of its
collapse. To the
people who lived in
that system the*

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*collapse seemed both
completely unexpected
and completely*

*unsurprising. At the
moment of collapse it
suddenly became
obvious that Soviet life
had always seemed
simultaneously eternal
and stagnating,
vigorous and ailing,
bleak and full of
promise. Although*

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*these characteristics
may appear mutually
exclusive, in fact they*

*were mutually
constitutive. This book
explores the
paradoxes of Soviet
life during the period
of "late socialism"
(1960s-1980s)*

*through the eyes of the
last Soviet generation.
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transformation of the

1950s at the level of

discourse, ideology,

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*dichotomy of official
culture and unofficial*

culture, the state and

the people, public self

and private self, truth

and lie--and ignore

the crucial fact that,

for many Soviet

citizens, the

fundamental values,

ideals, and realities of

socialism were

genuinely important,

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*seminarian from an
oppressed outer
province of the*

*Russian empire,
reinvents himself as a
top leader in a band of
revolutionary zealots.
When the band seizes
control of the country
in the aftermath of
total world war, the
former seminarian
ruthlessly dominates*

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*the new regime until
he stands as absolute
ruler of a vast and
terrible state
apparatus, with
dominion over
Eurasia. While still
building his power
base within the
Bolshevik
dictatorship, he
embarks upon the
greatest gamble of his*

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*political life and the
largest program of
social reengineering
ever attempted: the
collectivization of all
agriculture and
industry across one
sixth of the earth.*

*Millions will die, and
many more millions
will suffer, but the
man will push through
to the end against all*

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resistance and doubts.

Power 1878-1928
*Where did such power
come from? In Stalin,*

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*a biography that, at
long last, is equal to
this shrewd,*

*sociopathic,
charismatic dictator
in all his dimensions.*

*The character of
Stalin emerges as both
astute and blinkered,*

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*cynical and true
believing, people
oriented and vicious,
canny enough to see
through people but
prone to nonsensical
beliefs. We see a man
inclined to despotism
who could be utterly
charming, a
pragmatic ideologue,
a leader who obsessed
over slights yet was a*

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*precocious
geostrategic
thinker—unique among
Bolsheviks—and yet
who made egregious
strategic blunders.
Through it all, we see
Stalin's unflinching
persistence, his sheer
force of will—perhaps
the ultimate key to
understanding his
indelible mark on*

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history. Stalin gives an intimate view of the

Bolshevik regime's

inner geography of

power, bringing to the

fore fresh materials

from Soviet military

intelligence and the

secret police. Kotkin

rejects the inherited

wisdom about Stalin's

psychological

makeup, showing us

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*instead how Stalin's
near paranoia was
fundamentally
political, and closely
tracks the Bolshevik
revolution's
structural paranoia,
the predicament of a
Communist regime in
an overwhelmingly
capitalist world,
surrounded and
penetrated by*

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enemies. At the same time, Kotkin demonstrates the impossibility of understanding Stalin's momentous decisions outside of the context of the tragic history of imperial Russia. The product of a decade of intrepid research, Stalin is a landmark

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*achievement, a work
that recasts the way
we think about the
Soviet Union,
revolution,
dictatorship, the
twentieth century, and
indeed the art of
history itself. Stalin:
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1929-1941 will be
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This biography examines the long life

of the traveller and

author Stephen

Graham. Graham

walked across large

parts of the Tsarist

Empire in the years

before 1917,

describing his

adventures in a series

of books and articles

that helped to shape

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attitudes towards
Russia in Britain and
the United States. In
later years he
travelled widely
across Europe and
North America,
meeting some of the
best known writers of
the twentieth century,
including H.G.Wells
and Ernest*

Hemingway. Graham
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also wrote numerous novels and biographies that won him a wide readership on both sides of the Atlantic. This book traces Graham's career as a world traveller, and provides a rich portrait of English, Russian and American literary life in the first half of the

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twentieth century. It
also examines how
many aspects of his
life and writing
coincide with
contemporary
concerns, including
the development of
New Age spirituality
and the rise of
environmental
awareness. Beyond
Holy Russia is based*

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*on extensive research
in archives of private*

papers in Britain and

*the USA and on the
many works of*

*Graham himself. The
author describes with
admirable tact and*

*clarity Graham's
heterodox and*

convoluted spiritual

quest. The result is a

fascinating portrait of

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a man who was for
many years a
significant literary
figure on both sides of
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Demand! The
Second Wave All
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*Mobilising -
Prepare to
Resist! Soviet
Power An
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Insolence Speech
at the Meeting
of the Central
Committee,
October 29,
1917 What do we
Need?
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*Davidovich
Bronstein in
southern
Ukraine,
Trotsky was
both a world-
class
intellectual
and a man
capable of the
most narrow-
minded
ideological*

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*dogmatism. He
was an
effective
military
strategist and
an adept
diplomat, who
staked the fate
of the
Bolshevik
revolution on
the meager
foundation of a*

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upheaval. He

was a master
politician who
played his
cards badly in
the momentous
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power against
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1920s. And he
was an

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*assimilated,
indifferent Jew
who was among
the first to
foresee that
Hitler's
triumph would
mean disaster
for his fellow
European Jews,
and that Stalin
would attempt
to forge an*

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*overtures to
the Western
democracies
failed. Here,
Trotsky emerges
as a brilliant
and brilliantly
flawed man.
Rubenstein
offers us a*

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*Trotsky who is
mentally acute
and impatient*

*with others,
one of the
finest students
of contemporary
politics who
refused to
engage in the
nitty-gritty of
party
organization in*

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*the 1920s, when
Stalin was
maneuvering,
inexorably,
toward
Trotsky's own
political
oblivion. As
Joshua
Rubenstein
writes in his
preface, "Leon
Trotsky haunts*

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*our historical
memory. A
preeminent
revolutionary
figure and a
masterful
writer, Trotsky
led an upheaval
that helped to
define the
contours of twe
ntieth-century
politics." In*

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*this lucid and
judicious
evocation of
Trotsky's life,
Joshua*

*Rubenstein
gives us an
interpretation
for the twenty-
first century.*

*Victor
Sebestyen's
riveting*

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Vladimir Ilyich
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nearly two
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only a
political
examination of
one of the most
important*

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historical figures of the twentieth century but also a fascinating portrait of Lenin the man. Brought up in comfort and with a passion for hunting and fishing, chess,

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*and the English
classics, Lenin
was radicalized
after the
execution of
his brother in
1887. Sebestyen
traces the
story from
Lenin's early
years to his
long exile in
Europe and*

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*return to
Petrograd in
1917 to lead
the first
Communist
revolution in
history.
Uniquely,
Sebestyenyen has
discovered that
throughout
Lenin's life
his closest*

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relationships
were with his
mother, his
sisters, his
wife, and his
mistress. The
long-suppressed
story told here
of the love
triangle that
Lenin had with
his wife,
Nadezhda

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*Krupskaya, and
his beautiful,
married*

*mistress and
comrade, Inessa
Armand, reveals
a more
complicated
character than
that of the
coldly one-
dimensional
leader of the*

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*With Lenin's
personal papers
and those of
other leading
political
figures now
available,
Sebestyen gives
is new details
that bring to
life the*

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*authorized the
deaths of
thousands of
people and
created a
system based on
the idea that
political
terror against
opponents was
justified for a
greater ideal.
An old comrade*

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*what had once
admired him
said that Lenin
"desired the
good . . . but
created evil."
This included
his invention
of Stalin, who
would take
Lenin's system
of the gulag
and the secret*

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police to
horrifying new
heights. In
Lenin, Victor
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brilliant
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this dictator
as a complex
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communism within
the world
revolutionary
movement,
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the history of

communism in one

country can

illuminate the

development of

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twentieth century."

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of retail shops

established in 1930

with the aim of

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raising the hard
currency needed to

finance the USSR's

ambitious

industrialization

program. At a time

of desperate

scarcity, Torgsin

had access to the

country's best

foodstuffs and

goods. Initially, only

foreigners were

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*allowed to shop in
Torgsin, but the
acute demand for
hard-currency
revenues forced
Stalin to open
Torgsin to Soviet
citizens who could
exchange tsarist
gold coins and
objects made of
precious metals and
gemstones, as well*

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*as foreign monies,
for foods and goods*

in its shops.

*Through her
analysis of the large-
scale, state-run
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represented by
Torgsin, Elena
Osokina highlights
the complexity and
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the state's hunger for gold and the people's starvation, Torgsin rejected Marxist postulates of the socialist political economy: the notorious class approach and the state hard-currency monopoly. In its pursuit for gold, Torgsin advertised

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*in the capitalist
West, encouraging
foreigners to
purchase goods for
their relatives in the
USSR; and its
seaport shops and
restaurants
operated
semilegally as
brothels, inducing
foreign sailors to
spend hard*

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*currency for Soviet
industrialization.*

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