

Recommended Russia Books

General Russia History/Biography

The Art of the Russian Matryoshka. Rett Ertl.

Wonderfully illustrated book about Russia's endearing wooden nesting dolls.

Catherine the Great. Henri Troyat.

The story of the intriguing teenage princess who ruled Russia and whose passion for art marked the beginnings of the magnificent Hermitage Museum.

Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Dostoyevsky's classic portrait of 18th century Russia told through the story of random murder, conscience and redemption.

Dr. Zhivago. Boris Pasternak.

The eternal love story of Yurii and Lara set against the sweeping changes of Russia from 1903 to 1940. Also an Oscar-winning 1965 film starring Julie Christie and Omar Sharif.

The Great History of the Russian Ballet. Paul Andre.

A comprehensive history of Russian ballet.

Landmarks of Russian Architecture. William Brumfield.

A concise and richly illustrated history of major themes in Russian architecture.

Tchaikovsky Through Others' Eyes. Alexander Poznansky.

Unprecedented compilation of memories of the great Russian composer from his contemporaries.

Moscow

Moscow: A Cultural History. Kathleen Murrell & Shelton Woods.

An illustrated history of the grand city of Moscow.

St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg: A Cultural History. Solomon Volkov.

A wonderful portrait of the beautiful city that was Peter the Great's "Window on the West."

St. Petersburg: The Hidden Interiors. Katya Galitzine.

A visual tour through the finest interior landscapes of the city's attractions.



Cookbooks

Classic Russian Cooking. Elena Molokhovets.

First published in 1861 as a guide for upper-class wives, this is a fascinating history of Russian cuisine with everything from recipes to menus.

Please to the Table: A Russian Cookbook. Anya Von Bremzen.

A comprehensive guide to food, cooking and traditional dishes throughout all of Russia.