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*An examination of
political, social and
cultural developments in
the Soviet Union. The
book identifies the
social tensions and
political
inconsistencies that
spurred radical change
in the government of
Russia, from the turn of
the century to the
revolution of 1917.
Kenez envisions that*

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revolution as a crisis of authority that posed the question, 'Who shall govern Russia?' This question was resolved with the creation of the Soviet Union. Kenez traces the development of the Soviet Union from the Revolution, through the 1920s, the years of the New Economic Policies and into the Stalinist order. He shows how post-Stalin Soviet leaders struggled to find ways to rule the country without using Stalin's methods but

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also without openly repudiating the past, and to negotiate a peaceful but antipathetic coexistence with the capitalist West. In this second edition, he also examines the post-Soviet period, tracing Russia's development up to the time of publication. Why did the Soviet economic system fall apart? Did the economy simply overreach itself through military spending? Was it the centrally-planned

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character of Soviet socialism that was at fault? Or did a potentially viable mechanism come apart in Gorbachev's clumsy hands? Does its failure mean that true socialism is never economically viable? The economic dimension is at the very heart of the Russian story in the twentieth century. Economic issues were the cornerstone of soviet ideology and the soviet system, and economic issues brought the whole system

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*crashing down in
1989-91. This book is a
record of what happened,
and it is also an
analysis of the failure
of Soviet economics as a
concept.*

*This book surveys the
experiences of non-
Russian USSR citizens
both during and
following the collapse
of the Soviet Union.*

*In 1929, the Soviet
Union declared the area
of Birobidzhan a
homeland for Jews. It
was championed by a
group of intellectuals*

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who envisioned a place of post-oppression Jewish culture, and by the early 1930s, tens of thousands of Jews had moved there from the shtetls. The state-building ended quickly, in the late 1930s, with arrests and purges of the Communist Party and cultural elite, but after the Second World War, the newly named "Jewish Autonomous Region" received an influx of Jews dispossessed from what had once been the Pale,

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most of whom had lost families in the Holocaust. In the late 1940s, another wave of arrests swept through Birobidzhan, traumatizing the Jews into silence, and effectively making them invisible. Now Masha Gessen gives us a haunting account of the dream of Birobidzhan—and how it became *Singing Soviet Stagnation: Vocal Cycles from the USSR, 1964–1985* André Gide's *Return From the USSR*

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Smashed in the USSR

*The Untold Story of a
Noisy Revolution*

*The Lyrics: 1956 to the
Present (Vol. Two-Volume
Set)*

The Last of the Soviets

Imagine a world where
Beatlemania was against the law-
recordings scratched onto
medical X-rays, merchant sailors
bringing home contraband LPs,
spotty broadcasts taped from
western AM radio late in the
night. This was no fantasy world
populated by Blue Meanies but
the USSR, where a vast nation
of music fans risked repression
to hear the defining band of the

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British Invasion. The music of John, Paul, George, and Ringo played a part in waking up an entire generation of Soviet youth, opening their eyes to seventy years of bland official culture and rigid authoritarianism. Soviet leaders had suppressed most Western popular music since the days of jazz, but the Beatles and the bands they inspired-both in the West and in Russia-battered down the walls of state culture. Leslie Woodhead's How The Beatles Rocked the Kremlin tells the unforgettable-and endearingly odd-story of Russians who discovered that all you need is Beatles. By stealth,

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by way of whispers, through the illicit late night broadcasts on Radio Luxembourg, the Soviet Beatles kids tuned in. "Bitles," they whispered, "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah."

Another Day In The Life is introduced and narrated by Ringo Starr, with forewords by legendary movie director David Lynch and rock photographer Henry Diltz. Ringo shows us the world as seen through a Starr's eyes, in more than 500 observational photographs and rare images from the archives, and an original text of nearly 13,000 words.

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1987, 1991, and 1992. The book is a collection of interviews and observations from 1987 to 1992, providing a unique perspective on the Soviet rock scene.

André Paul Guillaume Gide (22 November 1869 - 19 February 1951) was a French author and winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature (in 1947). His work "Retour de l' U.R.S.S." (1936) is a simple, yet important testimony to life inside a totalitarian society and the ensuing disillusionment felt by those who believed in the socialist utopia. Gide's informal style allows the reader to travel inside Stalin's Soviet Union and understand the disillusionment that Gide and others felt at seeing hopes dash upon the

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rocks of reality. It is a must read for anyone interested in learning about totalitarianism from inside a system.

"Belarus, Back in the U.S.S.R.?"

Yves Montand in the USSR

An Economic History of the

USSR 1945 - 1991

Red Nations

The Beatles as Musicians :

Revolver through the Anthology

The Black Book of Communism

Boris Kagarlitsky

reflects on what

happened in Russia after

the collapse of the old

regime and how this has

affected social and

cultural life, as well

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as the everyday lives of ordinary people.

Over 300 challenging problems in algebra, arithmetic, elementary number theory and trigonometry, selected from Mathematical Olympiads held at Moscow University. Only high school math needed. Includes complete solutions. Features 27 black-and-white illustrations. 1962 edition.

On Christmas Day, 1991, President George H. W. Bush addressed the

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nation to declare an American victory in the Cold War: earlier that day Mikhail Gorbachev had resigned as the first and last Soviet president. The enshrining of that narrative, one in which the end of the Cold War was linked to the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the triumph of democratic values over communism, took center stage in American public discourse immediately after Bush's speech and

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has persisted for decades -- with disastrous consequences for American standing in the world. As prize-winning historian Serhii Plokhy reveals in *The Last Empire*, the collapse of the Soviet Union was anything but the handiwork of the United States. On the contrary, American leaders dreaded the possibility that the Soviet Union -- weakened by infighting and economic turmoil -- might suddenly crumble,

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throwing all of Eurasia into chaos. Bush was firmly committed to supporting his ally and personal friend Gorbachev, and remained wary of nationalist or radical leaders such as recently elected Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Fearing what might happen to the large Soviet nuclear arsenal in the event of the union's collapse, Bush stood by Gorbachev as he resisted the growing independence movements in Ukraine, Moldova, and

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the Caucasus. Ploky's detailed, authoritative account shows that it was only after the movement for independence of the republics had gained undeniable momentum on the eve of the Ukrainian vote for independence that fall that Bush finally abandoned Gorbachev to his fate. Drawing on recently declassified documents and original interviews with key participants, Ploky presents a bold new interpretation of

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the Soviet Union's final months and argues that the key to the Soviet collapse was the inability of the two largest Soviet republics, Russia and Ukraine, to agree on the continuing existence of a unified state. By attributing the Soviet collapse to the impact of American actions, US policy makers overrated their own capacities in toppling and rebuilding foreign regimes. Not only was the key American role in the

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demise of the Soviet Union a myth, but this misplaced belief has guided -- and haunted -- American foreign policy ever since.

A dissection of the Soviet Union's legacy of health and environmental disaster, this book examines a former country of 103 cities - home to 70 million people - where the air is unfit to breathe and pollution fouls 75 percent of the water.

Ecocide in the USSR

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The Beatles Sheet Music
Collection

The USSR Olympiad

Problem Book

The Sad and Absurd Story
of Birobidzhan, Russia's
Jewish Autonomous Region
Cultural Diplomacy and
Mixed Messages

*This volume is the first
book-length account of Yves
Montand's controversial tour
of the Soviet Union at the
turn of the years 1956/57.*

*It traces the mixed messages
of this internationally
visible act of cultural
diplomacy in the middle of
the turbulent Cold War. It
also provides an account of*

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the celebrated French singer-actor's controversial career, his dedication to music and to peace activism, as well as his widespread fandom in the USSR. The book describes the political background for the events of the year 1956, including the changing Soviet atmosphere after Stalin's death, portrays the rising transnational stardom of Montand in the 1940s and 1950s, and explores the controversies aroused by his plan to visit Moscow after the Hungarian Uprising. The book pays particular attention to Montand's reception in the USSR and his concert performances,

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drawing on unique archival material and oral history interviews, and analyses the documentary Yves Montand Sings (1957) released immediately after his visit. Ivan is serving a ten-year sentence in a Siberian labour camp. This is the story of a typical day in the camp.

This book examines the history of the relationship between these two centuries during the past twenty years and attempts to dispel the misconception that the Soviet Union has enjoyed undue influence over Iraq. Winter comes for the White Widow and the Red Guardian! Russia is cleaning house --

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and when the Red Guardian starts hunting down state secrets, he finds himself square in his country's crosshairs -- dragging the White Widow along with him. The motherland has new heroes now...and not even the Red Room could have prepared Alexei Shostakov and Yelena Belova for this terrible retribution. Now, it's a race across Russia as the Winter Guard rush to Red Guardian's hometown, in hopes of discovering the secrets of project Snowblind. But with the Crimson Dynamo in critical condition, can the Guard keep it together to uncover the truth before time runs

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**out? Bold twists and
bombastic action abound as
Russia's mightiest
protectors dig deep into
their nation's dirtiest
secrets! COLLECTING: Winter
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**The Little Russian
Retour de L' U.R.S.S.
Democratization and
Revolution in the USSR,
1985-91**

**The Soviet Quest for
Influence**

**The Kremlin, the CIA, and
the Battle Over a Forbidden
Book**

The USSR and Iraq

*Ivan Petrov was born in 1934 in the
industrial town of Chapaevsk. His
father was shot by Stalin as an 'enemy*

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of the people', and Ivan was brought up by his mother and violent stepfather - both alcoholics, along with most of the rest of the town. By his early 20s, Ivan had also succumbed to the lure of the bottle. 'Smashed in the USSR' is his eye-opening, frequently eye-watering story. A major study of the collapse of the Soviet Union—showing how Gorbachev's misguided reforms led to its demise In 1945 the Soviet Union controlled half of Europe and was a founding member of the United Nations. By 1991, it had an army four-million strong, five-thousand nuclear-tipped missiles, and was the second biggest producer of oil in the world. But soon afterward the union sank into an economic crisis and was torn apart by nationalist separatism. Its collapse

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was one of the seismic shifts of the twentieth century. Thirty years on, Vladislav Zubok offers a major reinterpretation of the final years of the USSR, refuting the notion that the breakup of the Soviet order was inevitable. Instead, Zubok reveals how Gorbachev's misguided reforms, intended to modernize and democratize the Soviet Union, deprived the government of resources and empowered separatism. Collapse sheds new light on Russian democratic populism, the Baltic struggle for independence, the crisis of Soviet finances—and the fragility of authoritarian state power.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A revelatory history of one of Stalin's greatest crimes, the consequences of

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*which still resonate today, as Russia has placed Ukrainian independence in its sights once more—from the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Gulag* and the National Book Award finalist *Iron Curtain*. "With searing clarity, *Red Famine* demonstrates the horrific consequences of a campaign to eradicate 'backwardness' when undertaken by a regime in a state of war with its own people." —*The Economist**

In 1929 Stalin launched his policy of agricultural collectivization—in effect a second Russian revolution—which forced millions of peasants off their land and onto collective farms. The result was a catastrophic famine, the most lethal in European history. At least five million people died between 1931 and 1933 in

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the USSR. But instead of sending relief the Soviet state made use of the catastrophe to rid itself of a political problem. In Red Famine, Anne Applebaum argues that more than three million of those dead were Ukrainians who perished not because they were accidental victims of a bad policy but because the state deliberately set out to kill them. Devastating and definitive, Red Famine captures the horror of ordinary people struggling to survive extraordinary evil. Applebaum's compulsively readable narrative recalls one of the worst crimes of the twentieth century, and shows how it may foreshadow a new threat to the political order in the twenty-first. Drawing on newly declassified

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government files, this is the dramatic story of how a forbidden book in the Soviet Union became a secret CIA weapon in the ideological battle between East and West. In May 1956, an Italian publishing scout took a train to a village just outside Moscow to visit Russia's greatest living poet, Boris Pasternak. He left carrying the original manuscript of Pasternak's first and only novel, entrusted to him with these words: "This is Doctor Zhivago. May it make its way around the world." Pasternak believed his novel was unlikely ever to be published in the Soviet Union, where the authorities regarded it as an irredeemable assault on the 1917 Revolution. But he thought it stood a chance in the West and, indeed, beginning in Italy, Doctor

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Zhivago was widely published in translation throughout the world. From there the life of this extraordinary book entered the realm of the spy novel. The CIA, which recognized that the Cold War was above all an ideological battle, published a Russian-language edition of Doctor Zhivago and smuggled it into the Soviet Union. Copies were devoured in Moscow and Leningrad, sold on the black market, and passed surreptitiously from friend to friend. Pasternak's funeral in 1960 was attended by thousands of admirers who defied their government to bid him farewell. The example he set launched the great tradition of the writer-dissident in the Soviet Union. In The Zhivago Affair, Peter Finn and Petra Couvée bring us intimately close to this

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charming, passionate, and complex artist. First to obtain CIA files providing concrete proof of the agency's involvement, the authors give us a literary thriller that takes us back to a fascinating period of the Cold War—to a time when literature had the power to stir the world. (With 8 pages of black-and-white illustrations.)

Planning Problems in the USSR

Secondhand Time

Where the Jews Aren't

The Zhivago Affair

A History of the Soviet Union from the Beginning to the End

Red and Hot

Ian Fleming could not have imagined a better place to set a thriller: an upstart mini-state on the edge of Europe, Transnistria is a nowhere-land, a Soviet

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museum occupied by Russian peace-keepers near the Black Sea. Its oligarchs in Adidas tracksuits hunt wild boar with AK-47s. Its young people train for revolution at the Che Guevara High School of Political Leadership. Its secret factories have supplied arms to Chechnya and electrical cable to Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant. Its isolation and tiny size belie the real threat it poses to the West. To many observers, Transnistria is the North Korea of Europe. Yet its new president has launched a cunning coup of political marketing, appointing as his top ministers personable young women like the Facebook-savvy Cheryl Cole lookalike Foreign Minister, sexing-up the republic's image abroad, and using their glitter to obscure this

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internationally unrecognised non-state's shadowy past. Now Western ambassadors and foreign ministers are queuing up to meet them. Rory MacLean and Nick Danziger, two of Europe's most intrepid travellers and chroniclers, document life in the only country in the world not to have recognised the collapse of the Soviet Union. Readers will find themselves truly back in the USSR... with a difference.

The Little Russian spotlights an exciting new voice in historical fiction, an assured debut that should appeal to readers of *Away* by Amy Bloom or *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. The novel tells the story of Berta Alshonsky, who revels in childhood memories of her time spent with a wealthy family in

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Moscow — a life filled with salons, balls and all the trappings of the upper class — very different from her current life as a grocer's daughter in the Jewish townlet of Mosny. So when a mysterious and cultured wheat merchant walks into the grocery, Berta's life is forever altered. She falls in love, unaware that he is a member of the Bund, The Jewish Worker's League, smuggling arms to the shtetls to defend them against the pogroms sweeping the Little Russian countryside. Married and established in the wheat center of Cherkast, Berta has recaptured the life she once had in Moscow. So when a smuggling operation goes awry and her husband must flee the country, Berta makes the vain and foolish choice to stay behind with her children and her

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finery. As Russia plunges into war, Berta eventually loses everything and must find a new way to sustain the lives and safety of her children. Filled with heart-stopping action, richly drawn characters, and a world seeped in war and violence; *The Little Russian* is poised to capture readers as one of the hand-selling gems of the season.

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook).

Over 100 timeless hits from the Fab Four in piano/vocal/guitar arrangements, including: Across the Universe * All My Loving * Back in the U.S.S.R. * Blackbird * Can't Buy Me Love * Come Together * Don't Let Me Down * Eight Days a Week * Eleanor Rigby * The Fool on the Hill * Good Day Sunshine * Here Comes the Sun * Hey Jude * I Want to Hold Your

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Hand * In My Life * Let It Be * Lucy
in the Sky with Diamonds * Michelle *
Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has
Flown) * Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da * Penny
Lane * Revolution * Sgt. Pepper's
Lonely Hearts Club Band * She Loves
You * Ticket to Ride * Twist and Shout
* When I'm Sixty-Four * Yellow
Submarine * Yesterday * and more.

First hand account of the history of
rock music in the Soviet Union.

The Fate of Jazz in the Soviet Union,
1917-1980

How the Beatles Rocked the Kremlin

The Final Days of the Soviet Union
Collapse

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The Last Empire

**Looks at the development
of Soviet rock music,**

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describes the influence
of Western rock groups,
and offers brief
profiles of top Russian
groups

Singing Soviet

Stagnation: Vocal Cycles
from the USSR, 1964–1985
explores the ways in
which the aftershock of
an apparent crisis in
Soviet identity after
the death of Stalin in
1953 can be detected in
selected musical-
literary works of what
has become known as the
'Stagnation' era
(1964–1985). Richard

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Louis Gillies traces the cultural impact of this shift through the intersection between music, poetry, and identity, presenting close readings of three substantial musical-literary works by three of the period's most prominent composers of songs and vocal cycles:

- Seven Poems of Aleksandr Blok, Op. 127 (1966- 1967) by Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)
- Russia Cast Adrift (1977) by Georgy Sviridov (1915-1998) •

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Stupeni (1981–1982;
1997) by Valentin
Silvestrov (b. 1937).

The study elaborates an interdisciplinary approach to the analysis of musical-literary artworks that does not rely on existing models of musical analysis or on established modes of literary criticism, thereby avoiding privileging one discipline over the other. It will be of particular significance for scholars, students, and performers with an

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interest in Russian and Soviet music, the intersection between music and poetry, and the history of Russian and East European culture, politics, and identity during the twentieth century.

Collects and analyzes seventy years of communist crimes that offer details on Kim Sung's Korea, Vietnam under "Uncle Ho," and Cuba under Castro.

Democratization and Revolution in the USSR, 1985-91 presents a

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strikingly new view of the Gorbachev era and the reasons for the collapse of the Soviet Union. Written by one of America's most distinguished specialists on the former Soviet Union, this is the first comprehensive overview of the Gorbachev period and describes it as a real revolution, not mere "reform." According to Hough, despite Mikhail Gorbachev's talk of a regulated market, he never understood that

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a market must be created on a solid institutional and legal base. He was determined to use democratization to free himself from party control, but he saw democracy as a way of achieving near-universal consensus, not a mechanism for forcing through difficult choices. The many memoirs that have become available in the last few years, including those of Gorbachev himself, show that Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov

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and the "bureaucrats" in his government actually were the serious economic reformers in the leadership.

Gorbachev opposed the key transitional steps at every stage and was far closer to the assumptions of shock therapy than he or his opponents ever recognized. Hough explains that Gorbachev was not alone in thinking that the destruction of old institutions was enough to unleash a market.

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Westerners also talked of leaping a chasm in a single jump as if democratic and market institutions existed pre-created on the other side. But, precisely because Gorbachev (and later Boris Yeltsin) was encouraged in all his worst mistakes by Western advice, his failure has crucial implications for Western thinking about the process of democratization and marketization. This unprecedented book

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explores those
implications in depth.
Selected by Choice as an
Outstanding Book for
1998

Revolver through the
Anthology

Stalin's War on Ukraine
Selected Problems and
Theorems of Elementary
Mathematics

Crimes, Terror,
Repression

Heroic Adventures in
Transnistria

The Rise and Fall of the
The Soviet Economy

A work of unparalleled candor
and splendorous beauty, The

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Lyrics celebrates the creative life and the musical genius of Paul McCartney through 154 of his most meaningful songs. From his early Liverpool days, through the historic decade of The Beatles, to Wings and his long solo career, The Lyrics pairs the definitive texts of 154 Paul McCartney songs with first-person commentaries on his life and music. Spanning two alphabetically arranged volumes, these commentaries reveal how the songs came to be and the people who inspired them: his devoted parents, Mary and Jim; his songwriting partner, John Lennon; his "Golden Earth Girl," Linda Eastman; his wife, Nancy McCartney; and even Queen Elizabeth, among many others.

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Here are the origins of “Let It Be,” “Lovely Rita,” “Yesterday,” and “Mull of Kintyre,” as well as McCartney’s literary influences, including Shakespeare, Lewis Carroll, and Alan Durband, his high-school English teacher. With images from McCartney’s personal archives—handwritten texts, paintings, and photographs, hundreds previously unseen—The Lyrics, spanning sixty-four years, becomes the definitive literary and visual record of one of the greatest songwriters of all time.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

- A symphonic oral history about the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the emergence of a new Russia, from Svetlana Alexievich, winner of the Nobel

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Prize in Literature NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND PUBLISHERS WEEKLY • LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE WINNER NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times • The Washington Post • The Boston Globe • The Wall Street Journal • NPR • Financial Times • Kirkus Reviews When the Swedish Academy awarded Svetlana Alexievich the Nobel Prize, it cited her for inventing “a new kind of literary genre,” describing her work as “a history of emotions—a history of the soul.” Alexievich’s distinctive documentary style, combining extended individual monologues

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with a collage of voices, records the stories of ordinary women and men who are rarely given the opportunity to speak, whose experiences are often lost in the official histories of the nation. In *Secondhand Time*, Alexievich chronicles the demise of communism. Everyday Russian citizens recount the past thirty years, showing us what life was like during the fall of the Soviet Union and what it's like to live in the new Russia left in its wake. Through interviews spanning 1991 to 2012, Alexievich takes us behind the propaganda and contrived media accounts, giving us a panoramic portrait of contemporary Russia and Russians who still carry memories of oppression, terror,

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famine, massacres—but also of pride in their country, hope for the future, and a belief that everyone was working and fighting together to bring about a utopia. Here is an account of life in the aftermath of an idea so powerful it once dominated a third of the world. A magnificent tapestry of the sorrows and triumphs of the human spirit woven by a master, *Secondhand Time* tells the stories that together make up the true history of a nation. “Through the voices of those who confided in her,” *The Nation* writes, “Alexievich tells us about human nature, about our dreams, our choices, about good and evil—in a word, about ourselves.” Praise for Svetlana Alexievich and

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Secondhand Time “The nonfiction volume that has done the most to deepen the emotional understanding of Russia during and after the collapse of the Soviet Union of late is Svetlana Alexievich’s oral history Secondhand Time.”—David Remnick, *The New Yorker*

Given the phenomenal fame and commercial success that the Beatles knew for the entire course of their familiar career, their music per se has received surprisingly little detailed attention. Not all of their cultural influence can be traced to long hair and flashy clothing; the Beatles had numerous fresh ideas about melody, harmony, counterpoint, rhythm, form, colors, and textures. Or consider

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how much new ground was broken by their lyrics alone--both the themes and imagery of the Beatles' poetry are key parts of what made (and still makes) this group so important, so popular, and so imitated. This book is a comprehensive chronological study of every aspect of the Fab Four's musical life--including full examinations of composition, performance practice, recording, and historical context--during their transcendent late period (1966-1970). Rich, authoritative interpretations are interwoven through a documentary study of many thousands of audio, print, and other sources.

Until recent times, incidents of mass unrest in the USSR were shrouded in official secrecy. Now

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this pioneering work by historian Vladimir A. Kozlov has opened up these hidden chapters of Soviet history. It details an astonishing variety of widespread mass protest in the post-Stalin period, including workers' strikes, urban riots, ethnic and religious confrontations, and soldiers' insurrections. Kozlov has drawn on exhaustive research in police, procuracy, KGB, and Party archives to recreate the violent major uprisings described in this volume. He traces the historical context and the sequence of events leading up to each mass protest, explores the demographic and psychological dynamics of the situation, and examines the actions and reactions of the authorities. This

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painstaking analysis reveals that many rebellions were not so much anti-communist as essentially conservative in nature, directed to the defense of local norms being disturbed by particular instances of injustice or by the rash of Krushchev-era reforms. This insight makes the book valuable not only for what it tells us about postwar Soviet history, but also for what it suggests about contemporary Russian society as well as popular protests in general.

The Contribution of
Mathematical Economics to Their
Solution 1960-1971

Health And Nature Under Siege
Chernobyl and Nuclear Power in
the USSR

One Day in the Life of Ivan

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Denisovich

Red Famine

Mass Uprisings in the USSR:
Protest and Rebellion in the Post-
Stalin Years

How do Soviet politicians rise to power? How are national and regional regimes formed? How are conflicting political interests brought together as policies are developed in the Soviet Union? In *Patronage and Politics in the USSR*, first published in 1991, Professor John Willerton offers major insights into the patronage networks that have dominated elite mobility, regime formation, and governance in the Soviet Union during the past twenty-five

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years. Using the biographical and career details of over two thousand national leaders and regional officials in Azerbaijan and Lithuania, John Willerton traces the patron-client relations underlying recruitment, mobility, and policymaking. He explores the strategies of power consolidation and coalition building used by Soviet chief executives since 1964 as well as the institutional links and policy outcomes that have resulted from network politics. The author also assesses the manner and extent to which leaders in politically stable and less stable settings, spanning different

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national cultural contexts, have relied upon patronage networks to consolidate power and to govern. Finally, Professor Willerton explores how, in a period of dramatic change, patron-client networks may have given way to institutionalised interest groups and political parties.

Back in The U.S.S.R. is a song by The Beatles released in 1968. Yes, it may be interesting to look back at the USSR or the Soviet Union from the 21st century. The Soviet Union has exact official days of its creation and dissolution: December 29, 1922 - December 25, 1991. It is almost

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exactly 69 years, less than an average life span of an American. This book presents diverse examples of how Soviet people adjust or fight the Soviet system. The system was ruled by a terrible duo: Communist Party and KGB.

When Joanna Stingray's New Wave music career stalled after a Studio 54 performance and record release, she traveled to Russia in 1983 with the name of one musician to meet if she could sneak off her state-sanctioned tour. That fateful, shadowy encounter with the now-legendary Boris Grebenschikov opened "the rabbit hole" for her

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tumble into Soviet underground culture and a decades-long devotion to Russian rock, as well as her own spectacular rise to fame in that country. Called "the American tractor" by artists and musicians for whom she smuggled guitars, equipment, Americana, and art supplies into the U.S.S.R.; and out to the West, their music and art, Joanna Stingray is credited by Russians for helping pave the way to the cultural opening that collapsed state control. An apogee event was the U.S. release of the double album produced by Stingray, "Red Wave: Four Underground Bands

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from the Soviet Union." Months later, Mikhail Gorbachev ordered the suppressed music be released, launching the bands to notoriety. "Rock is for young people. It's an opportunity to open up a road into the future and breathe deeper. And all thoughtful people understand that it's not just young people fooling around. They are captivated by this music. If some of our rock bands like Aquarium and Kino were released in the West on the Red Wave album in June 1986, why shouldn't they have been released in Russia?" --Mikhail Gorbachev, 2019
Interviews with musicians and

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Stingray's extensive collection of photographs fill out her inspiring and poetic memoir. "Joanna Stingray's appearance in St. Petersburg in the early 1980s must have been God's response to our unconscious prayers. Her naive bravery, curiosity and generosity created a kind of a lifeline for us rockers: she brought in things we needed to play our music, and took out not only our recordings but the very message of our existence. Had it not been for her and her Red Wave it would have taken Aquarium many more years to have official records on Melodiya and Kino to start touring Europe.

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This fearless maiden broke through the siege that looked hopelessly unbreakable. She threw a life-saver into our waters and she changed everything. No matter how many times we thank her -- it's never enough." --Boris Grebenschikov (Aquarium) 2018
"Joanna was like a tornado. Just imagine someone could drag Tsoi, Kuryokhin and Grebenshchikov into her vortex and as a tractor pull the Russian underground to the West. A breath of fresh air and bright hopes -- it's all Joanna! --Yuri Kasparyan (Kino) 2019
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