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Letters From Moscow



Synopsis

I am a Chartered Surveyor. Moscow 1997 to 1999 was my first overseas posting, and one to a city at an unusual time in its history. I have written a very honest book about my life and adventures in Moscow 15 years ago. The book is a collection of personal recollections, letters home and extracts from the local English speaking newspapers. I hope they show how bizarre life was in Moscow. The book covers the time in my life immediately preceding my marriage. It shows how I came to be there through accident. It covers my life before meeting my fiancée. How I met her and our relations. But amongst this underlying story are woven other stories. The subject is a mixture of the mundane, the weird and the hedonistic. Moscow was very hedonistic then. It was as though the collapse of communism brought an "anything goes attitude" and a mad party ensued. My aim was to try to create something of a mixture of a Year in the Merde and Bridget Jones Diaries, while trying to convey what an odd place Russia was at that time. The book includes sections on trips to Tallin, Peroslav, St. Petersburg, and Suzdal. It deals with my comradeship with my Finnish colleagues and our impressions of Russia.

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Customer Reviews

I met Harvey in Moscow in 2012. He instantly reminded me of one of those unassuming English gents that you later find out spent 2 years behind the lines in occupied Belgium blowing up Nazi troop trains. His book is an accurate, honest, and humorous reflection of Moscow during the 'unusual' 1990s. Worth a read for those wanting to know what it was really like to be in Russia after the collapse of communism.

Very interesting book and an accurate portrayal of Moscow at the time. Recommended if you want to know the crazy times that were Moscow of the 90's, the author has an excellent memory for detail and much of the book found me nodding in agreement. Nothing was quite like those days. And by the way Marty's girlfriends name was Liz, a great woman, and Doug doesn't even remember my name after fifteen years!

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