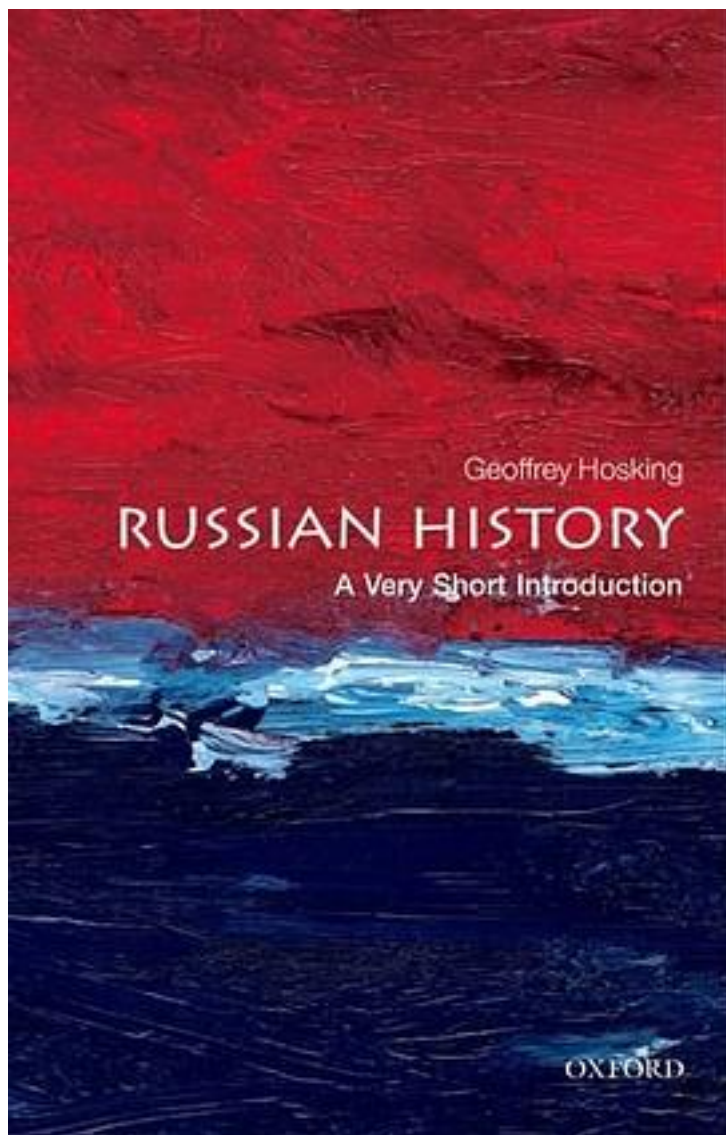


Russian History



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Examines Russian history in an impartial way, arguing that 'Good Russia' and 'Bad Russia' are one and the same

Puts into context the difficulties Russia faces in terms of the size of its territory, its ability to rule the masses, its diverse population, and its harsh and vulnerable environment

Gives attention to the important individuals in Russian history; from Peter the Great and Catherine II to Lenin and Stalin

Considers Russia's relationship with the West and Europe

Examines the Soviet experience and the post-Soviet era

Spanning the divide between Europe and Asia, Russia is a multi-ethnic empire with a huge territory, strategically placed and abundantly provided with natural resources. But Russia's territory has a harsh climate, is cut off from most maritime contact with the outside world, and has open and vulnerable land frontiers. It has therefore had to devote much of its wealth to the armed forces, and the sheer size of the empire has made it difficult to mobilise resources and to govern effectively, especially given the diversity of its people.

In this Very Short Introduction, Geoffrey Hosking discusses all aspects of Russian history, from the struggle by the state to control society, the transformation of the empire into a multi-ethnic empire, Russia's relationship with the West/Europe, the Soviet experience, and the post-Soviet era.

Readership: Students of history, particularly students of modern European history, Russian history and Soviet history; and general readers interested the topic.

作者介绍:

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评论

相当简略的一本书。其实也没读出什么新鲜玩意。

很粗略的历史介绍

不愧是一本很好的通识读物，但简史很能看出作者的兴趣点。二战的篇幅只有一个自然段、半页纸，著名的XX大帝们也简短到不行，然而作者着力的是民生、民族和民意，是相当西化的角度。

Russian history is very similar to ours.

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书评

上月在俄罗斯旅行一周，回来便开始恶补俄罗斯历史。这个过程中最大的修为是：再也无法直视“战斗民族”这个称呼。整个俄罗斯历史俨然是（被）侮辱与（被）损害史，精英阶层和他们竭力豢养的军队无愧“战斗”之称，但中下层的“民族”却是高度扛压、逆来顺受的。比如人说俄罗...

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