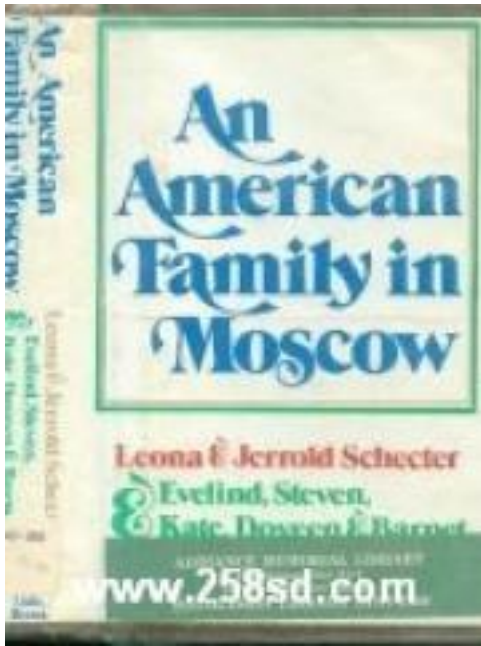


# An American family in Moscow



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What would it be like for an American family to live in Russia? What are the realities of living in a country so often depicted as harsh and cheerless—under constant scrutiny by police and part of the media? And how would a family make new friends and involve itself directly in the life of a nation radically different from its own? "An American Family in Moscow" recreates the experiences shared by Leona and Jerrold Schecter and their children while Schecter has been stationed with Time magazine's Moscow Bureau from 1968 to 1970. Unlike many foreign families staying temporarily in Moscow, the Schecters made every attempt to blend themselves as much as possible into life in the Russian capital and confront the extraordinary demands and difficulties imposed by the state on all foreigners as well as

Soviet citizens  
Initially drawn to the assignment by his desire to understand the workings of Communist power  
Jerry Schecter struggled daily with the problems of reporting crucial events (such as the invasion of Czechoslovakia, the harassment of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and the state's crackdown on Jewish emigration) under severe restraints on the travel of correspondents, the dangerous use of unofficial sources and possession of samizdat writings, and the threat of expulsion  
For Leonid, the Soviet Union's pressure cooker life meant trying to overcome the fear and suspicion ingrained in almost every neighbor or acquaintance, shopping in understocked stores that accepted only rubles or coupons, and adjusting to a country that seemed physically and spiritually at odds  
For the Schecter children, all of whom attended state schools, Soviet education involved learning within a rigidly structured ideology-based system in which they were the outsiders  
In an American family in Moscow, each

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