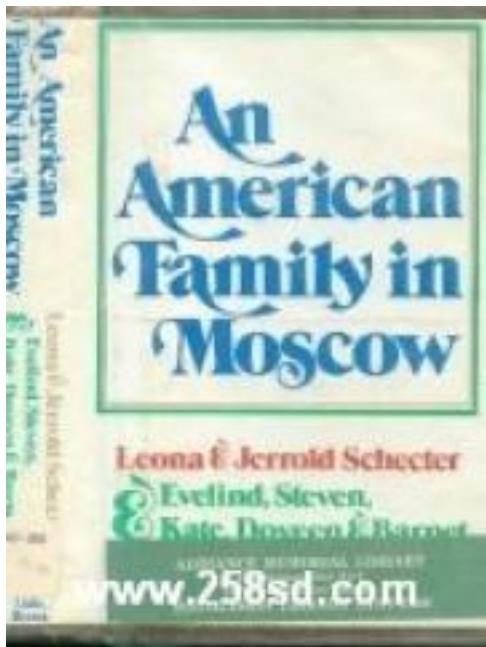


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What would it be like for an American family in Russia? What are the realities there? In a country often depicted as harsh and cheerless—under constant scrutiny by police and officials? And how would a family make new friends and involve itself directly in the everyday life of a nation radically different from its own? American Family in MOSCOW recreates the experiences shared by Leona and Jerrold Schechter and their children while Schechter was 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 Com[®]unist 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 semi[®]dat writings[¬]and the threat of expulsion[®]For Leona[®]the[®] Soviet Union[¬]Si[®]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 world[¬]S end[®] 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 A[®]merican Family in Moscow[®]each[®]

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