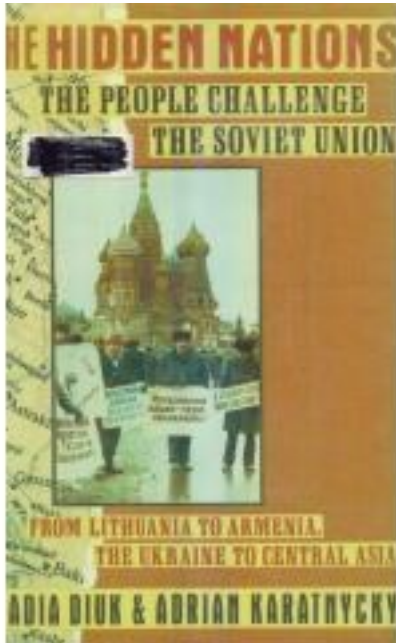


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The Hidden Nations tells one of the momentous stories of the late twentieth century--the resurgence of nationalism and massive protests among the silenced peoples and republics of the Soviet Union. No less than

the existence of the USSR is at stake.

Nadia Diuk and Adrian Karamycky traveled the vast reaches of the Soviet Union to document and talk firsthand to the political leaders who are challenging the seventy-three-year-old empire. They have produced a probing, chilling report that explains how the previously unthinkable--the reemergence of the non-Russian Soviet nations onto the political map- has actually happened. From the acquisition of the Tatar region in the sixteenth century to the 1939 Hitler-Stalin pact for the Baltic region, Russia systematically acquired territories and peoples~ Moscow's brutally repressive policies caused "many observers to feel that totalitarianism had stamped out these peoples traditions, values, and bonds to the past. This enlightening and powerful study shows how and why today the republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Ukraine, the Baltics, and Central Asia are working to undo the past.

Lithuanians, Latvians, Georgians, Uzbeks, Ukrainians, Estonians--who are these millions rising to assert their rights? Do their movements pose a threat to the reform process initiated by Mikhail Gorbachev? What

chance do these non-Russian, hidden nations have to become independent, autonomous states? What should the West do to support these democratic movements? Can

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