

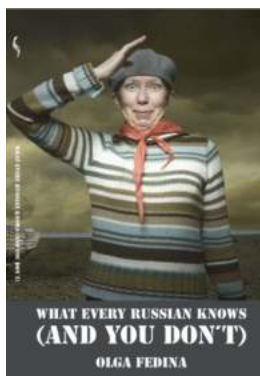
What Every Russian Knows And You Don't



When it comes to cultural knowledge and understanding, Russia has a long and rich history that sets it apart from the rest of the world. From literature to art and even culinary traditions, there are certain things that every Russian knows and appreciates.

The Power of Russian Literature

Russian literature has captivated readers worldwide, thanks to influential authors like Fyodor Dostoevsky, Leo Tolstoy, and Anton Chekhov. Their works have delved deep into the human psyche, examining morality, love, and the human condition itself.



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Discovering Russian Art

From the world-famous Hermitage Museum to the iconic art form of icon painting, Russian art has a distinct style that reflects the country's history and cultural heritage. Artists like Wassily Kandinsky and Kazimir Malevich broke conventions to create unique forms of expression.

The Richness of Russian Cuisine

Russian cuisine is known for its hearty and comforting dishes. From traditional soups like borscht and solyanka to mainstays like pelmeni and beef stroganoff,

Russian food is a celebration of flavors and ingredients that have stood the test of time.

The Beauty of Russian Ballet

Russian ballet is a world-renowned art form that has mesmerized audiences for centuries. The grace, precision, and elegance of dancers from the Bolshoi Ballet and the Mariinsky Theatre have made ballet an integral part of Russian culture.

The Enchantment of Russian Folklore

Russian folklore is a treasure trove of tales, fables, and mythical creatures. Every Russian grows up hearing stories about Baba Yaga, the Firebird, and Ivan the Terrible. These stories not only entertain but also give insight into Russian traditions and beliefs.

Mastering the Russian Language

The Russian language is a linguistic marvel with its unique alphabet and complex grammar. Learning the language not only provides access to literary classics but also helps to better understand Russian culture and the depth of its people's emotions.

The Mystique of Russian Nesting Dolls

No discussion about Russian culture is complete without mentioning the iconic Matryoshka dolls. These wooden dolls nested inside one another symbolize the layers of Russian heritage, traditions, and generations of knowledge passed down through the years.

Exploring Russian Architecture

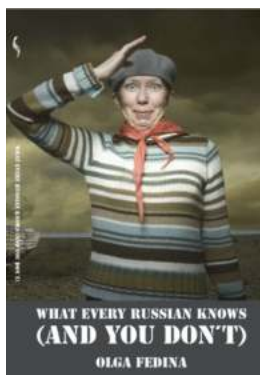
Russian architecture is a testament to the country's grandeur and artistic vision. From the opulent palaces of St. Petersburg to the colorful onion domes of

Moscow's Saint Basil's Cathedral, Russian architecture is a sight to behold.

The Warmth of Russian Hospitality

Russians are known for their warm-hearted hospitality, welcoming guests with open arms and lavish feasts. The connection between food, drink, and camaraderie is deeply rooted in Russian culture, making a visit to a Russian home an unforgettable experience.

Russian culture holds a wealth of knowledge and traditions that have shaped the country into what it is today. From literature and art to cuisine and folklore, every aspect of Russian culture tells a story and offers a glimpse into the hearts and minds of its people. By embracing and appreciating these cultural elements, we can gain valuable insight and broaden our own horizons.



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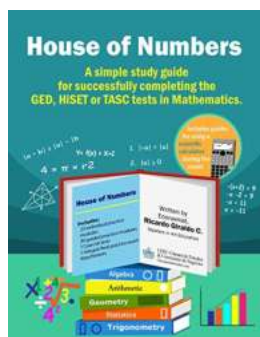
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This book is a collection of 12 essays looking at touchstones of Russian popular culture, mostly from the Soviet period, that continue to resonate through

language, images, and ways of seeing the world in Russia today. These include films: *The Irony of Fate*, *Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears*, *White Sun of the Desert*, *Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson*; a novel: *The Twelve Chairs*; animated cartoons: *Hedgehog in the Mist* and *The Prostokvashino Three*; the writer Mikhail Bulgakov; the singer-songwriter Vladimir Vysotsky; stand-up comedians Mikhail Zhvanetsky and Mikhail Zadornov; and a character from a fairy tale, Yemelya the Simpleton. The subjects of the chapters were selected for their influence on Russian language and thinking, and also because they reflect Russian attitudes and perceptions. The author brings them to life through her own experiences of, and responses to, these modern icons. This book, though invaluable for students of Russian, is for everyone interested in Russian language and culture, and explains why certain references and attitudes continue to permeate everyday life. Olga Fedina grew up in Moscow in the turbulent late-Soviet and immediately post-Soviet years, graduating from the Department of Journalism of Moscow State University. She subsequently lived for a decade in London and is currently based in Valencia, Spain. She sometimes misses her homeland, and this book expresses some of the unique aspects of Russia and the Russians that she always carries with her. Though this book is written in English, it contains some "Language Notes" and individual words in Cyrillic script, which some Kindles may not be able to display, though most will not have any problem.



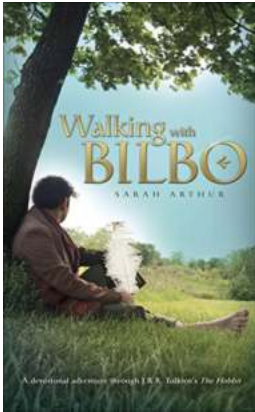
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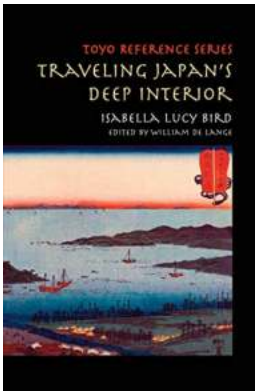
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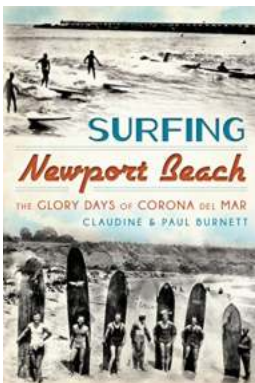
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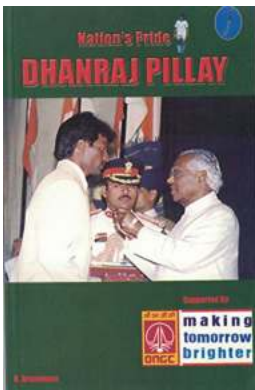
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