



By Elena S. Smith

Reviewed by Stephen Lalonde

This book was a revelation for me. I did not have much in the way of awareness of Russia, and this book gave an honest and clear picture of the beauty and challenges in life there. The nature of the relationships explored in the book was fascinating beyond description. The voice and language of the book kept me turning pages and at times I wanted to be able to read quickly to find out what would happen next, yet I so enjoyed the beauty of the language I took my time so I could truly appreciate all of it. I will read this one again. - Stephen Lalonde, author (*Sinon of Kirra*, *Mentu the Nubian* and more.)



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