

RUSSIAN FICTION

Fiction Abramov, Fedor

Abramov, Fedor. **Two Winters and Three Summers**

Story about life in a remote village at the end of World War II.

Fiction Aksenov, Vasili

Aksenov, Vasili. **Generations of Winter**

Romantic saga of the Gradov family from 1925 to 1945.

Mystery Akunin, B. 2008

Akunin, B. **Sister Pelagia and the Black Monk**

Nineteenth century Russian nun and amateur sleuth Sister Pelagia travels to a haunted monastery after earlier emissaries end up dead.

Fiction Babel, I.

Babel, I. **You Must Know Everything; Stories, 1915-1937**

Babel was arrested in May 1939 by Soviet authorities and never seen again.

Fiction Berberova, Nina 2001

Berberova, Nina. **Billancourt Tales**

Short stories about life in a Paris suburb settled by Russian emigres during the 1930s.

Fiction Bitov, Andrei

Bitov, Andrei. **Pushkin House**

Search of a modern Soviet intellectual for a personal identity within a society that devalues and uproots the individual.

Fiction Bulgakov, Mikhail

Bulgakov, Mikhail. **The Master and Margarita**

The devil visits 1930s Moscow.

Fiction Bunin, Ivan

Bunin, Ivan. **Collected Stories**

Stories by the first Russian to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Fiction Chekhov, Anton

Chekhov, Anton. **The Complete Short Novels**

Spare, impressionistic depictions of Russian life and the human condition.

Fiction Dostoyevsky, Fyodor

Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. **Crime and Punishment**

Detective classic which is also a study of free will and guilt.

Fiction Gogol, Nikolai

Gogol, Nikolai. **Dead Souls**

Satire on the corruption and inertia of 19th century provincial Russian life.

Fiction Goncharov, Ivan

Goncharov, Ivan. **Oblomov**

Story about a member of the landed gentry in 19th century Russia whose indolence destroys his life.

Fiction Gorky, Maksim

Gorky, Maksim. **Mother**

Story of a working-class woman in late 19th century provincial Russia who is radicalized by her son.

Fiction Grossman, Vasilii

Grossman, Vasilii. **Life and Fate**

Novel centered on the Battle of Stalingrad.

Fiction Kharitonov, Mark

Kharitonov, Mark. **Lines of Fate**

A philosophical mystery novel populated with artists, criminals, and drug addicts.

Fiction Lermontov, Mikhail

Lermontov, Mikhail. **A Hero of Our Time**

Disaffected soldier in the Caucasus is preoccupied with the existential themes of will and identity.

Science Fiction Worlds

Levitsky, Alexander, ed. **Worlds Apart: An Anthology of Russian Fantasy and Science Fiction**

This anthology includes stories, poems and novel excerpts dating from the 1700s to the 1950s that explore the theme of escape from the bounds of realism.

Fiction Nabokov, Vladimir

Nabokov, Vladimir. **Lolita**

Middle-aged professor becomes obsessed with a precocious 12-year-old.

Fiction Pasternak, Boris

Pasternak, Boris. **Doctor Zhivago**

Novel about the life and loves of a poet/physician during the turmoil of the Russian Revolution.

Fiction Pelevin, Viktor 1999

Pelevin, Viktor. **Buddha's Little Finger**

Tale about identity & Russian history as well as an elaboration of Buddhist philosophy.

Fiction Petrushevskaja, Liudmila

Petrushevskaja, Liudmila. **The Time: Night**

Strained relationships and hopeless, burdened lives are led in a cramped apartment.

Fiction Platonov, Andrei 2003

Platonov, Andrei. **Soul**

Young man, educated in Moscow, returns to his Asian birthplace to find his nomadic tribe and bring them into Soviet society.

Fiction Pushkin, Aleksandr

Pushkin, Aleksandr. **The Complete Prose Tales of Alexandr Sergeyevitch Pushkin**

Pushkin is considered the creator of Russia's national literature.

Fiction Rybakov, Anatolii

Rybakov, Anatolii. **Children of the Arbat**

First novel in a trilogy about life in the Soviet Union during the early 1930s.

Story Collection Best

Seltzer, Thomas, ed. **Best Russian Short Stories**

Includes stories by Chekhov, Gorky and Andreyev.

Fiction Sholem Aleichem

Sholem Aleichem. **Tevye the Dairyman and the Railroad Stories**

Contains the stories on which the musical, **Fiddler on the Roof** is based.

Fiction Shteyngart, Gary 2006

Shteyngart, Gary. **Absurdistan**

After traveling to St. Petersburg for his father's funeral, obese Russian heir is denied a return visa to America.

Fiction Solzhenitsyn, Alexander

Solzhenitsyn, Alexander. **One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich**

Chilling novel about the terrors of Stalin's prison camps.

Fiction Sorokin, Vladimir 2007

Sorokin, Vladimir. **Ice**

Moscow has been hit by a wave of brutal murders with all the victims being blond and blue-eyed.

Science Fiction Strugatskii, Arkadii

Strugatskii, Arkadii. **Roadside Picnic; Tale of the Troika**

Human scavengers try to make capital out of the trash left behind by alien tourists/Satire of the bureaucratic process in scientific research and in society.

Fiction Tolstaia, Tatiana 2007

Tolstaia, Tatiana. **White Walls: Collected Stories**

Collection of stories by Tolstoy's great-grandniece.

Fiction Tolstoy, Leo

Tolstoy, Leo. **War and Peace**

Panoramic view of Russian society around the time of Napoleon's invasion of Russia.

Fiction Topol, Edward

Topol, Edward. **The Jewish Lover**

Erotic thriller set in the refusenik culture of 1970s Russia.

Fiction Tsyarkin, Leonid

Tsyarkin, Leonid. **Summer in Baden-Baden**

Narrator recounts his journey to Leningrad as the story of the 1867 travels of Fyodor Dostoyevsky and his new wife unfolds.

Fiction Turgenev, Ivan

Turgenev, Ivan. **Fathers and Sons**

Novel about the conflict between the older generation of landowners who wish to conserve traditional systems, and the younger generation of sons who have revolutionary tendencies.

Fiction Ulitskaia, Liudmila 2005

Ulitskaia, Liudmila. **Sonechka: A Novella and Stories**

In these stories, life and love are lived under the restrictions of Soviet rule.

Fiction Vapnyar, Lara

Vapnyar, Lara. **There Are Jews in My House**

Six short stories set in Russia and America explore human frailty.

Fiction Voinovich, Vladimir

Voinovich, Vladimir. **Monumental Propaganda**

Novel spans 50 years of Russian history, from the end of the Second World War to the chaos of today's "new Russia."

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