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[The Unknown Lenin](#) - Vladimir Il'ich Lenin 1996-01-01

Lenin - the man, the revolutionary, and the world leader - has remained an enigma, part myth arising from the tumult of the Russian Revolution and part image carefully controlled for nearly seventy years by the leaders of the Soviet Union and their sympathizers abroad. *The Unknown Lenin*, containing long concealed documents from the Soviet archives, helps correct the myth and revise the image. Lenin emerges here as a ruthless, manipulative leader who used terror, subversion, and persecution to achieve his goals.

**The Sword and the Shield** - Christopher Andrew 2000-08-29

A fascinating description of a treasure trove of secret documents found by the FBI offers facts about every country in the world, as well as information that contributes to the history of the last century. Reprint. 60,000 first printing.

**Autopsy For An Empire** - Dmitri Volkogonov 1999-05-01

The late Dmitri Volkogonov emerged in the last decade of his life as the preeminent Russian historian of this century. His crowning achievement is the account of the seven General Secretaries of the Soviet Empire in *Autopsy for an Empire*, a book that tells the entire history of the Soviet failure. Having utilized his still-unequaled access to the Soviet military archives, Communist Party documents, and secret Presidential Archive, Volkogonov sheds new light on some of the major events of twentieth-century history and the men who shaped them. We witness Lenin's paranoia about foreigners in Russia, and his creation of a privileged system for top Party members; Stalin's repression of the nationalities and his singular conduct of foreign policy; the origins and conduct of the Korean War; Khrushchev's relationship with the odious secret service chief, Beria, and his handling of the Cuban Missile Crisis; Brezhnev's vanity and stupidity; a new view of Poland and Solidarity; the ossification of Soviet bureaucracy and the cynicism of the Politburo; and Mikhail Gorbachev's Leninism and his role in history. By profiling the seven successive Soviet leaders from Lenin to Gorbachev, Volkogonov also depicts in painstaking detail the progressive self-destruction of the Leninist system. In his clear-eyed character assessments and political evaluations, lucidly translated and edited by Harold Shukman, Dmitri Volkogonov has once again performed an invaluable service to twentieth-century history.

[Lenin's Private War](#) - Lesley Chamberlain 2008-06-24

Describes how, in 1922, Lenin personally drew up a list of more than 150 "undesirable" intellectuals--primarily philosophers, academics, scientists, and journalists--to be deported from the new Soviet Union, chronicling the expulsion and its implications from the perspective of the exiles as revealed in their journals, letters, and memoirs. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

[Lenin](#) - Victor Sebestyen 2017-11-07

Victor Sebestyen's riveting biography of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin—the first major biography in English in nearly two decades—is not only a political examination of one of the most important historical figures of the twentieth century but also a fascinating portrait of Lenin the man. Brought up in comfort and with a passion for hunting and fishing, chess, and the English classics, Lenin was radicalized after the execution of his brother in 1887. Sebestyen traces the story from Lenin's early years to his long exile in Europe and return to Petrograd in 1917 to lead the first Communist revolution in history. Uniquely, Sebestyen has discovered that throughout Lenin's life his closest relationships were with his mother, his sisters, his wife, and his mistress. The long-suppressed story told here of the love triangle that Lenin had with his wife, Nadezhda Krupskaya, and his beautiful, married mistress and comrade, Inessa Armand, reveals a more complicated character than that of the coldly one-dimensional leader of the Bolshevik Revolution. With Lenin's personal papers and those of other leading political figures now available, Sebestyen gives us new details that bring to life the dramatic

and gripping story of how Lenin seized power in a coup and ran his revolutionary state. The product of a violent, tyrannical, and corrupt Russia, he chillingly authorized the deaths of thousands of people and created a system based on the idea that political terror against opponents was justified for a greater ideal. An old comrade who had once admired him said that Lenin "desired the good . . . but created evil." This included his invention of Stalin, who would take Lenin's system of the gulag and the secret police to horrifying new heights. In *Lenin*, Victor Sebestyen has written a brilliant portrait of this dictator as a complex and ruthless figure, and he also brings to light important new revelations about the Russian Revolution, a pivotal point in modern history. (With 16 pages of black-and-white photographs)

[Reconstructing Lenin](#) - Tamás Krausz 2015-02-27

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin is among the most enigmatic and influential figures of the twentieth century. While his life and work are crucial to any understanding of modern history and the socialist movement, generations of writers on the left and the right have seen fit to embalm him endlessly with superficial analysis or dreary dogma. Now, after the fall of the Soviet Union and "actually-existing" socialism, it is possible to consider Lenin afresh, with sober senses trained on his historical context and how it shaped his theoretical and political contributions.

*Reconstructing Lenin*, four decades in the making and now available in English for the first time, is an attempt to do just that. Tamás Krausz, an esteemed Hungarian scholar writing in the tradition of György Lukács, Ferenc Tokei, and István Mészáros, makes a major contribution to a growing field of contemporary Lenin studies. This rich and penetrating account reveals Lenin busy at the work of revolution, his thought shaped by immediate political events but never straying far from a coherent theoretical perspective. Krausz balances detailed descriptions of Lenin's time and place with lucid explications of his intellectual development, covering a range of topics like war and revolution, dictatorship and democracy, socialism and utopianism. *Reconstructing Lenin* will change the way you look at a man and a movement; it will also introduce the English-speaking world to a profound radical scholar.

**Esfir Shub** - Ilana Shub Sharp 2021-12-30

Esfir Shub was the only prominent female director of nonfiction film present at the dawning of the Soviet film industry. She was, in fact, the first woman both to write critical texts on cinema and then practically apply these theorisations in her own films. As such, her syncretism of cinema theory and praxis inspired her to ask questions regarding both the nature of nonfiction film, such as the problem of authenticity and reality, and the function of the artist in society; issues which are still relevant in contemporary discussions about the documentary.

Accordingly, this book demonstrates Shub's position not only as a significant filmmaker and recognised member of the early Soviet avant-garde but also as a key figure in global cinema history. Shub deserves recognition both as the founder and ardent promoter of the compilation film genre and as a pioneer of the theory and practice of documentary filmmaking.

**Conspirator** - Helen Rappaport 2010-02-23

The father of Communist Russia, Vladimir Ilych Lenin now seems to have emerged fully formed in the turbulent wake of World War I and the Russian Revolution. But Lenin's character was in fact forged much earlier, over the course of years spent in exile, constantly on the move, and in disguise. In *Conspirator*, Russian historian Helen Rappaport narrates the compelling story of Lenin's life and political activities in the years leading up to the revolution. As he scuttled between the glittering capital cities of Europe—from London and Munich to Vienna and Prague—Lenin found support among fellow émigrés and revolutionaries in the underground movement. He came to lead a ring of conspirators, many of whom would give their lives in service to his schemes. A riveting account of Lenin's little-known early life, *Conspirator* tracks in gripping

detail the formation of one of the great revolutionaries of the twentieth century.

Lenin - Dmitri Volkogonov 1994-10-12

The special assistant to Boris Yeltsin radically alters the traditional image of Lenin with a biography based on secret Soviet archives, revealing the Founding Father as a cruel, totalitarian leader who was responsible for the worst excesses of the Soviet state.

Trotsky - Dmitri Volkogonov 2008-06-18

Together with Lenin, Trotsky was the most charismatic and dominating figure of the Russian revolution. A dynamic public speaker, a brilliant organizer and theorist, he was largely responsible for advocating the system of state terror which was ultimately to lead to the nightmare of Stalinism. This biography describes Trotsky's career as a revolutionary before World War I and his roles successively as chief organizer of the October revolution, military hero of the Russian civil war and outspoken critic of the Stalinist style of leadership. Widely regarded as Lenin's likely successor, Trotsky was outmanoeuvred by his enemy, Stalin and found himself expelled from the Communist Party, written out of the history of the revolution, exiled and finally murdered in Mexico by Stalin's agents. The author tracked down members of Stalin's overseas hit-squad and found relatives of Trotsky in Russia. Combined with his access to Soviet archives, this biography lends insight into one of the most influential figures of the 20th century, whose faith in the world socialist revolution remained undimmed to the end.

**Red Cosmos** - James T. Andrews 2009

Often called the grandfather of Russian rocketry, K. E. Tsiolkovskii first conceived of multi-stage rockets that would later be adapted as the basis of both the U.S. and Soviet rocket programs. Mining a myriad of Russian archives, Andrews produces a study of Soviet technological propaganda, local science education, public culture in the 1920s and 1930s, and the cultural ramifications of space flight.

*The Immortalization Commission* - John Gray 2011-04-12

A great philosopher will change the way you think about your life. For most of human history, religion provided a clear explanation of life and death. But in the late 19th and early 20th centuries new ideas — from psychiatry to evolution to Communist — seemed to suggest that our fate was now in our own hands. We would ourselves become God. This is the theme of a remarkable new book by one of the world's greatest living philosophers. It is a brilliant and frightening look at the problems and opportunities of a world coming to grips with humankind's now solitary, unaided place in the universe. Gray takes two major examples: the belief that the science-backed Communism of the new USSR could reshape the planet, and the belief among a group of Edwardian intellectuals — popularized through mediums and automatic writing — that there was a non-religious form of life after death. Gray presents an extraordinary cast of philosophers, journalists, politicians, charlatans and mass murderers, all of whom felt driven by a specifically scientific and modern world view. He raises a host of fascinating questions about what it means to be human. The implications of Gray's book will haunt its readers for the rest of their lives.

*Lenin and the Russian Revolution* - Steve Phillips 2000

A study of Lenin and the Russian Revolution. It is designed to fulfil the AS and A Level specifications in place from September 2000. The AS section deals with narrative and explanation of the topic. There are extra notes, biography boxes and definitions in the margin, and summary boxes to help students assimilate the information. The A2 section reflects the different demands of the higher level examination by concentrating on analysis and historians' interpretations of the material covered in the AS section. There are practice questions and hints and tips on what makes a good answer.

*A Time of Fear* - Albert Marrin 2021-03-30

From National Book Award Finalist and Sibert Honor Author Albert Marrin, a timely examination of Red Scares in the United States, including the Rosenbergs, the Hollywood Ten and the McCarthy era. In twentieth century America, no power--and no threat--loomed larger than the communist superpower of the Soviet Union. America saw in the dreams of the Soviet Union the overthrow of the US government, and the end of democracy and freedom. Meanwhile, the Communist Party of the United States attempted to use deep economic and racial disparities in American culture to win over members and sympathizers. From the miscarriage of justice in the Scotsboro Boys case, to the tragedy of the Rosenbergs to the theatrics of the Hollywood Ten to the menace of the Joseph McCarthy and his war hearings, Albert Marrin examines a unique time in American history...and explores both how some Americans were lured by the ideals of communism without understanding its reality and

how fear of communist infiltration at times caused us to undermine our most deeply held values. The questions he raises ask: What is worth fighting for? And what are you willing to sacrifice to keep it? Filled with black and white photographs throughout, this timely book from an award-author brings to life an important and dramatic era in American history with lessons that are deeply relevant today.

**Lenin and Revolutionary Russia** - Stephen J. Lee 2008-01-28

Examining the background to and the course of the Russian Revolution of 1917 and Lenin's regime, Lee explores both the key aspects and the historical interpretations of Lenin's legacy to Russian history.

**Barbarossa** - Erickson John Erickson 2019-07-29

On 22 June 1941, German tanks rolled into the Soviet Union in an offensive which was to claim the lives of nearly 49 million people. Until the opening of Soviet archives, however, and the easing of their ideological grip, 'Operation Barbarossa' remained a mystery. Now, through the distinguished contributions of people like President Yeltsin's adviser, Colonel-General Dmitri Volkogonov, and the German historian Professor Klaus-Jurgen Muller, comes a book which for the first time challenges the official Soviet historiography and offers the first truly global picture of the war in Russia. From Nazi-Soviet relations at the start of the war, and the Soviet Union's response to the German attack, Barbarossa moves to the little examined subject of the invasion's aftermath. And offering dramatic new evidence on Hitler's objectives, Stalin's strategy and readiness for war, the Battle of Moscow, and Japan's wartime policy towards the Soviet Union, this book also deals with the previously taboo subjects of the personalities and politics of collaboration and the massive human toll of the invasion.

**Reinterpreting Revolutionary Russia** - I. Thatcher 2006-08-04

This is a stimulating and highly original collection of essays from a team of internationally renowned experts. The contributors reinterpret key issues and debates, including political, social, cultural and international aspects of the Russian revolution stretching from the late imperial period into the early Soviet state.

**Lenin's Revolution** - David R. Marples 2014-06-06

This study examines one of the key events in history, the Russian Revolution. Since the late Gorbachev period, a wealth of new material has become available to historians that has triggered intense scholarly debate on the nature of revolution. This timely new book takes account of the new scholarship, including - for example - the role of Lenin. It is argued that the initial flexibility of Lenin and the Bolshevik party allowed them to take power, but that the conduct of both changed considerably once they were obliged to take steps to maintain their authority. This book charts the February Revolution, the October Revolution, the Civil War and the main individuals involved, giving a remarkable degree of clarity to the tumultuous events in Russia whose consequences the world lived with for the rest of the twentieth century.

*Invariances* - Robert Nozick 2001

Casting cultural controversies in a whole new light, an eminent philosopher presents bold, new theories that take into account scientific advances in physics, evolutionary biology, economics, and cognitive neuroscience.

**Assignment Moscow** - James Rodgers 2020-06-25

The story of western correspondents in Russia is the story of Russia's attitude to the west. Russia has at different times been alternately open to western ideas and contacts, cautious and distant or, for much of the twentieth century, all but closed off. From the revolutionary period of the First World War onwards, correspondents in Russia have striven to tell the story of a country known to few outsiders. Their stories have not always been well received by political elites, audiences, and even editors in their own countries-but their accounts have been a huge influence on how the West understands Russia. Not always perfect, at times downright misleading, they have, overall, been immensely valuable. In *Assignment Moscow*, former foreign correspondent James Rodgers analyses the news coverage of Russia throughout history, from the coverage of the siege of the Winter Palace and a plot to kill Stalin, to the Chernobyl explosion and the Salisbury poison scandal.

Midwives of the Revolution - Jane McDermid 1999

"The Bolshevik seizure of power in 1917 and the ensuing communist regime have often been portrayed as a man's revolution, with women as bystanders or even victims. *Midwives of the Revolution* examines the powerful contribution made by women to the overthrow of tsarism in 1917 and their importance in the formative years of communism in Russia. Focusing on the masses as well as the high-ranking intelligentsia, *Midwives of the Revolution* is the first sustained analysis of female involvement in the revolutionary era of Russian history. The authors

investigate the role of Bolshevik women and the various forms their participation took. Drawing on the experiences of representative individuals, the authors discuss the important relationship between Bolshevik women and the workers in the turbulent months of 1917. The authors demonstrate that women were an integral part of the revolutionary process and challenge assumptions that they served merely to ignite an essentially masculine revolt. By placing women center stage, without exaggerating their roles, this study enriches our understanding of a momentous event in twentieth-century history."--Publisher description.

**Political Dissent: A Global Reader** - Derek Malone-France 2011-12-16  
This is a global anthology of great texts in the history of political dissent. Volume 1 spans the ancient and early-modern world, beginning with the Book of Isaiah, from the eighth century, BCE, and ending with John C. Calhoun's "South Carolina Exposition," from the early nineteenth century CE. Volume 2 begins with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the "Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments," from the mid-nineteenth century, and ends with the 2008 online Chinese human rights manifesto "Charter 08". The selected texts come from across the ideological spectrum, representing a wide range of political, cultural, philosophical, and religious perspectives. Each text has been framed with an introduction that describes its historical context and importance and provides readers with assistance in interpreting the text—including explanations of unfamiliar terms and concepts. These introductions have been written for a general audience. Each text is also accompanied by a list of "Suggestions for Further Reading," which points interested readers toward reliable sources for further exploration of the text, its author, and/or the historical moment or issues involved. This anthology should be accessible and useful to anyone from advanced high school students to scholarly specialists.

**A People Apart** - David Vital 2001-07-26

A controversial look at 150 years of Jewish history in Europe, leading up to the Holocaust.

**Stalin** - Dmitrii Antonovich Volkogonov 1991

Based on archival research, personal letters, interviews, and previously secret files, the author presents a comprehensive biography of the life of Joseph Stalin

**Crucible** - Charles Emerson 2019-10-15

The gripping story of the years that ended the Great War and launched Europe and America onto the roller coaster of the twentieth century, *Crucible* is filled with all-too-human tales of exuberant dreams, dark fears, and the absurdities of chance. In Petrograd, a fire is lit. The Tsar is packed off to Siberia. A rancorous Russian exile returns to proclaim a workers' revolution. In America, black soldiers who have served their country in Europe demand their rights at home. An Austrian war veteran trained by the German army to give rousing speeches against the Bolshevik peril begins to rail against the Jews. A solar eclipse turns a former patent clerk into a celebrity. An American reporter living the high life in Paris searches out a new literary style. Lenin and Hitler, Josephine Baker and Ernest Hemingway, Rosa Luxemburg and Mustafa Kemal—these are some of the protagonists in this dramatic panorama of a world in turmoil. Revolutions and civil wars erupt across Europe. A red scare hits America. Women win the vote. Marching tunes are syncopated into jazz. The real becomes surreal. Encompassing both tragedy and humor, the celebrated author of 1913 brings immediacy and intimacy to this moment of deep historical transformation that molded the world we would come to inherit.

**Who's Who in Russia since 1900** - Martin McCauley 2002-09-11

Who's Who in Russia and the Soviet Union is a unique reference guide which examines the leading political, economic, cultural, military, scientific and sporting personalities from 1900-1991. Through analysis of figures such as Stalin, Brezhnev, Khrushchev, Yeltsin, Ratushinskaya and Sakharov, a comprehensive portrait of Russian and Soviet society in this era emerges. The book takes the reader up to the collapse of the Soviet Union and provides: - detailed biographical information on each leading figure - bibliographical references with entries as an aid to further research - a comprehensive glossary of Russian terms, concepts and institutions and a useful chronology of events - an accessible and user-friendly A-Z layout - an invaluable guide for students, teachers, researchers, and the general reader alike.

**Introducing Lenin and the Russian Revolution** - Richard Appignanesi 2000

Lenin is the key to understanding the Russian Revolution. His dream was the creation of the world's first Socialist state. It was a short-lived dream that became a nightmare when Stalin rose to absolute power in 1929.

Lenin was the avant-garde revolutionary who adapted Marxist theory to the practical realities of a vast, complex and backward Russia.

**The East German Leadership and the Division of Germany** - Dirk Spilker 2006-07-13

Would it have been possible to build a unified and democratic Germany half a century before the fall of the Berlin Wall? This book reassesses this question by exploring Germany's division after the Second World War from the point of view of the SED, the communist-led and Soviet-sponsored ruling party of East Germany. Drawing on unpublished documents from the SED archives, Dr Spilker rejects claims that the East German comrades and their Soviet masters had abandoned their struggle for socialism and were willing to accept a democratic Germany in exchange for a pledge to neutrality. He argues that the communists' sudden switch to a multi-party approach at the end of the war was a tactical move inspired not by a desire for compromise but by the mistaken belief that they could win political hegemony - and the chance to introduce socialism throughout Germany - through the ballot box. Communist optimism, as this book shows, rested on specific assumptions about the situation after the war, all of which revolved around the prospect of political instability and social unrest in West Germany. The comrades in East Berlin did not just say that their regime would ultimately prevail, they genuinely believed it. Nor should their hopes be dismissed as a mere fantasy. In the aftermath of the war, the economic gap between the two Germanies was still relatively narrow and West Germany's future success as a magnet for the people in East Germany was by no means guaranteed.

**Political Thought From Machiavelli to Stalin** - E. A. Rees 2004-03-12

This is the first book in English to explore the relationship between Stalin's ideas and methods, and the practices advocated by Machiavelli and those associated with 'Machiavellian' politics. It advances the concept of 'revolutionary Machiavellism' as a way of understanding a particular strand of revolutionary thought from the Jacobins through to Leninism and Stalinism. By providing a wide-ranging survey of European political thought in the Nineteenth - and early Twentieth-century, E. A. Rees locates the Bolshevik tradition within the wider European tradition.

**Lenin** - Dmitrii Antonovich Volkogonov 1994

**Gnostic Wars** - Rossbach Stefan Rossbach 2019-08-07

In this unique exposition of important and yet often neglected developments in the history of Western spirituality, Stefan Rossbach reminds us of the philosophical and spiritual underpinnings of the Cold War era, drawing on the traditions of apocalypticism, millenarianism and 'Gnostic' spirituality. Beginning with the 'Gnostic' systems of late Antiquity, the analysis follows 'lines of meaning' which extend through the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance, right up to the present. From the long-term perspective which is thereby established, the spectre of a man-made nuclear apocalypse appears as the latest and most dramatic expression of an outlook on the human condition which refuses to accept limits in the imposition of human designs on the world. The paradoxical continuities that underlie the sense of epoch evoked by the end of the Cold War highlight this work's profound implications for our understanding of contemporary international politics.

**A History of Twentieth-century Russia** - Robert Service 1915

A narrative drawing upon primary sources focuses upon the political and economic history of Russia from 1900 through 1997

**Humanity** - Jonathan Glover 2012-09-11

Renowned moral philosopher Jonathan Glover confronts the brutal history of the twentieth century to unravel the mystery of why so many atrocities occurred. In a new preface, Glover brings the book through the post-9/11 era and into our own time—and asks whether humankind can "weaken the grip war has on us." Praise for the first edition: "It is hard to imagine a more important book. Glover makes an overwhelming case for the need to understand our own inhumanity, and reduce or eliminate the ways in which it can express itself—and he then begins the task himself. Humanity is an extraordinary achievement."—Peter Singer, Princeton University "This is an extraordinary book: brilliant, haunting and uniquely important. Almost 40 years ago a president read a best seller and avoided a holocaust. I like to think that some of the leaders and followers of tomorrow will read Humanity."—Steven Pinker, New York Times Book Review

**Joseph Stalin** - Helen Rappaport 1999

Reveals the more personal side of the Machiavellian mastermind who not only orchestrated the Great Terror but also forged the USSR into a world power

*Access to History: Reaction and Revolution: Russia 1894-1924, Fifth*

*Edition* - Michael Lynch 2021-07-16

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**Everyday Stalinism** - Sheila Fitzpatrick 1999-03-04

Focusing on urban areas in the 1930s, this college professor illuminates  
the ways that Soviet city-dwellers coped with this world, examining such  
diverse activities as shopping, landing a job, and other acts.

**Radio Free Europe and the Pursuit of Democracy** - George R. Urban  
1997-01-01

A leading expert on East and Central European and Soviet affairs,  
George R. Urban offers an insider's perspective on the history of Radio  
Free Europe by drawing on his service during the 1960s and his term as  
overall director in the 1980s. In vivid detail, Urban describes how the  
Radios promoted the cause of liberal democracy and the free market  
economy for more than four decades and stood up against the Soviet  
system, with its clandestine offshoots and fifth columns in all the  
countries of the West. Urban contends that a second opponent was less  
visible but more powerful: influential members of the American and West  
European Left who believed that the Soviet superpower should not be  
thwarted. The author explores the often controversial strategies and  
tactics employed by the staff and administrators of the Radios, sheds  
light on their role in the tragic 1956 Hungarian Revolution, examines the  
ideas and convictions of key figures, and reveals how communism was  
intellectually unmasked in a psychological contest that also made  
possible reconciliation between nations and individuals.

**Lenin and the Making of the Soviet State** - NA NA 2016-04-30

Vladimir Ilich Lenin (1870 - 1924) led the first successful revolt against  
market-based liberal democracy and founded the Soviet State in 1917,  
serving as the new nation's chief architect and sole ruler for the next five

years. This collection of primary sources allows readers to learn about  
Lenin through his own words and emphasizes Lenin's actions rather than  
his ideology. Jeffrey Brooks and Georgiy Chernyavskiy have translated  
newly available documents that make it possible to provide a more  
accurate portrait of a ruthless political strategist whose actions created a  
new political, economic, social, and cultural system that in its heyday  
challenged the military, technological, and cultural might of the United  
States. Document headnotes, a chronology, questions for consideration,  
and a selected bibliography offer additional pedagogical support and  
encourage students to analyze the actions and beliefs of a man who  
transformed world history and whose legacy continues to affect social  
and political movements throughout the world.

*Lenin* - Robert Service 2011-02-21

Lenin is a colossal figure whose influence on twentieth-century history  
cannot be underestimated. Robert Service has written a calmly  
authoritative biography on this seemingly unknowable figure. Making  
use of recently opened archives, he has been able to piece together the  
private as well as the public life, giving the first complete picture of  
Lenin. This biography simultaneously provides an account of one of the  
greatest turning points in modern history. Through the prism of Lenin's  
career, Service examines events such as the October Revolution and the  
ideas of Marxism-Leninism, the one-party state, economic modernisation,  
dictatorship, and the politics of inter-war Europe. In discovering the  
origins of the USSR, he casts light on the nature of the state and society  
which Lenin left behind and which have not entirely disappeared after  
the collapse of the Soviet regime in 1991. 'Immensely scholarly but also  
vivid and readable. This is a splendid book, much the best that I have  
ever read about Lenin ...I was overwhelmed by the power and vividness  
of this portrait.' Dominic Lieven, Sunday Telegraph 'He has managed  
skilfully to depict the surreal life of an obsessive, brilliant and stubborn  
individual' Guardian 'Lenin's life was politics, but Service has succeeded  
in keeping Lenin the man in focus throughout . . . This book deserves a  
place among the best studies of one of the most fascinating figures in  
modern history' Harold Shukman, The Times

**The Non-geometric Lenin** - Ralph Carter Elwood 2011

This book is a collection of eleven essays dealing with important but  
little-studied episodes in Lenin's attempt to build a Bolshevik Party  
before 1914. It also deals with his defence of Roman Malinovsky, who  
turned out to be a police spy, and his romantic involvement with a fellow  
Bolshevik, Inessa Armand. The last three essays paint a picture of a 'non-  
geometric' Lenin and his little-known interests in food, holidaying and  
sports.