

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

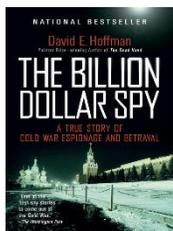
April's Topic: Russian History

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Russian history. Then come to the roundtable prepared to summarize what you read/watched/listened to for all the participants.

Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

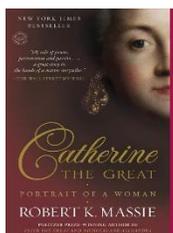
Books:



The Billion Dollar Spy: A True Story of Cold War Espionage and Betrayal

by **David E. Hoffman** – eBook at <https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/2081693>*

From the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning history *The Dead Hand* comes the riveting story of a spy who cracked open the Soviet military research establishment and a penetrating portrait of the CIA's Moscow station, an outpost of daring espionage in the last years of the Cold War

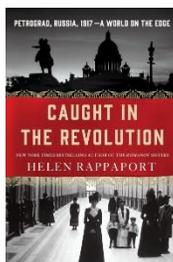


Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman

by **Robert K. Massie** – BIO CATHERINE II; eBook at

<https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/576832>*

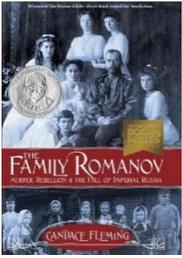
The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Peter the Great*, *Nicholas and Alexandra*, and *The Romanovs* returns with another masterpiece of narrative biography, the extraordinary story of an obscure German princess who became one of the most remarkable, powerful, and captivating women in history.



Caught in the Revolution: Petrograd, Russia, 1917--A World on the Edge

by Helen Rappaport – New Non-Fiction 355.0094 RAP

Caught in the Revolution is Helen Rappaport's masterful telling of the outbreak of the Russian Revolution through eye-witness accounts left by foreign nationals who saw the drama unfold.

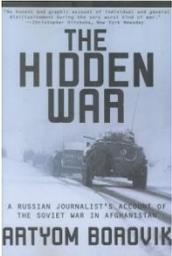


[The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia](#)

by Candace Fleming – TEEN 947.083 FLE; eBook at

<https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/1530463>*

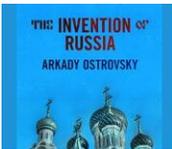
Here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovs—at once an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing.



[The Hidden War: A Russian Journalist's Account of the Soviet War in Afghanistan](#)

by Artyom Borovik – 958.1 BOR

A Soviet journalist documents the experiences of Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan, detailing the soldiers' morale, the prevalence of drug problems, and the Russian withdrawal and the aftermath.

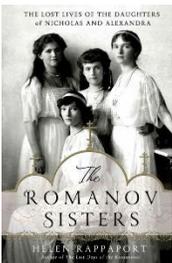


[The Invention of Russia: From Gorbachev's Freedom to Putin's War](#)

by Arkady Ostrovsky – 947.086 OST; stream audiobook on hoopla at

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11668649>*

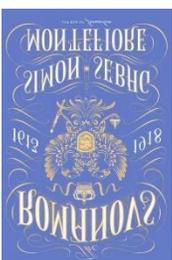
The end of communism and breakup of the Soviet Union was a time of euphoria around the world, but Russia today is violently expansionary and dangerously nationalistic. So how did we go from the promise of those days to the autocratic police state of Putin new Russia? *The Invention of Russia* reaches back to the darkest days of the Cold War to tell the story of this stealthy counterrevolution.



[The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra](#)

by Helen Rappaport – 947.083 RAP

They were the Princess Dianas of their day—perhaps the most photographed and talked about young royals of the early twentieth century. The four captivating Russian Grand Duchesses—Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia Romanov—were much admired for their happy dispositions, their looks, the clothes they wore and their privileged lifestyle. Over the years, the story of the four Romanov sisters and their tragic end in a basement at Ekaterinburg in 1918 has clouded our view of them, leading to a mass of sentimental and idealized hagiography. With this treasure trove of diaries and letters from the grand duchesses to their friends and family, we learn that they were intelligent, sensitive and perceptive witnesses to the dark turmoil within their immediate family and the ominous approach of the Russian Revolution, the nightmare that would sweep their world away, and them along with it.

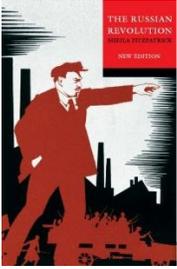


[The Romanovs: 1613-1918](#)

by Simon Sebag Montefiore – 920 SEB; eBook at

<https://cidc.overdrive.com/media/2476040>*

The Romanovs were the most successful dynasty of modern times, ruling a sixth of the world's surface for three centuries. How did one family turn a war-ruined principality into the world's greatest empire? And how did they lose it all? This is the intimate story of twenty tsars and tsarinas, some touched by genius, some by madness, but all inspired by holy autocracy and imperial ambition.

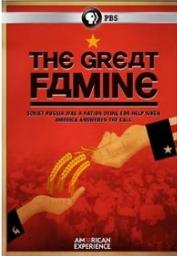


[The Russian Revolution](#)

by Sheila Fitzpatrick – 947.0841 FIT

Impeccable in its scholarship and objectivity, this superb volume tells the gripping story of a Marxist revolution that was intended to transform the world, but instead visited enormous suffering on the Russian people, and, like the French Revolution before it, ended up devouring its own children.

Documentaries:



American Experience: The Great Famine

– stream on hoopla at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/10084588>*

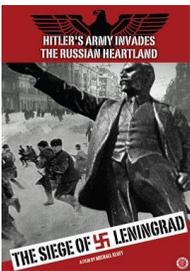
When a devastating famine descended on Soviet Russia in 1921, the United States responded with a massive two-year relief campaign that battled starvation and disease, and saved millions of lives.



Cold War Spies Behind Enemy Lines

– stream on hoopla at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11481338>*

The end of the Second World War marked the beginning of the Cold War. The Iron Curtain became impenetrable, so western intelligence agencies sent spies behind enemy lines to find out what they could about the Soviet armed forces.



The Siege of Leningrad

– stream on hoopla at <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11137633>*

In 1941, Hitler ordered the German army to invade Russia. The Nazis raced across Russia's heartland until they reached Leningrad – the cradle of the Bolshevik Revolution. But the city did not fall quickly to Hitler's troops. Instead it resisted. The siege of Leningrad began on September 8, 1941 and ended on January 27, 1944.

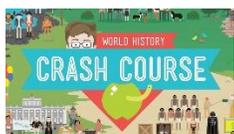


[The World at War, Volume 3 \(The History Channel\)](#)

– DVD 940.53 WOR v. 3

An extraordinary collection of newsreel, propaganda, and home-movie footage drawn from the archives of 18 nations, including color close-ups of Adolf Hitler taken by his mistress, that present an unvarnished perspective of the war's pivotal events. Penetrating interviews with eyewitness participants - from Hitler's secretary to Alger Hiss to ordinary citizens who stood outside the battle lines - and spine-tingling, first-hand accounts to an already unforgettable experience. Volume 3 covers – Desert: North Africa 1940-1943 ; Stalingrad: June 1942-February 1943 ; Wolf pack: U-boats in the Atlantic 1939-1944 ; Red star: the Soviet Union 1941-1943

Online Videos:



Crash Course - Russia, the Kievan Rus, and the Mongols: Crash Course World History #20

– https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etmRI2_9Q_A

Podcasts:



How Did Rasputin Really Die? – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/how-did-rasputin-really-die.htm>

The Night Witches – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/the-night-witches.htm>

Russia's Vladimir the Great – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/russias-vladimir-the-great.htm>



Win for Women: American Suffragettes and Russian Revolutionaries –

Back Story

<http://backstoryradio.org/2015/02/12/win-for-women/>

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