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*Lesley Blanch*

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20 of 21 people found the following review helpful. "So great a lover"By Kathleen C. GriffinLike Rupert Brooke, Blanch has spent her long life loving an extraordinary number of people, places, things, but her greatest passion is for The Traveler, her mentor lover, and Russia. From her sedate pre-WW I nursery onwards, The Traveler brings an air of Siberia to quiet London. Perhaps a former suitor of her mother's, he delicately seduces Blanch with visions of wolves and Easter, church bells and crisp snow, icons and fire-light. They consummate their affair when she is 17. But there is nothing of tawdiness, exploitation, or abuse in all this; it's a great romance told ruefully, with humor and delight. Her Traveler expands her horizons forever, and teaches her a tremendous capacity for love. Centering the memoir is a journey on the Siberian train in the 1960s, long after his disappearance. She is seeking their Russia, long gone, and some trace of him. Though she fails, it's a lovely read.

Lesley Blanch was four when the mysterious traveler first blew into her nursery, swathed in Siberian furs and full of the fairytales of Russia. She was twenty when he swept out of her life, leaving her lovelorn and in the grips of a passionate obsession. The search to recapture the love of her life, and the Russia he had planted within her, takes her to Siberia and beyond, It travels in time over fifty years, and in space from aristocratic England to sophisticated Paris and the haunting beauty of Moscow, the Trans-Siberian Railway, and the awesome reaches of the Russian steppes. It travels in spirit from a young gir's awakening to a mature woman's fulfillment. Lesley Blanch, born in 1907, was

married to Romain Gary, and is the author of a number of books, including *The Wilder Shores of Love*, *Journey into the Mind's Eye* was originally published in 1969 (Atheneum).

"If you are interested in Russia--if you are interested in love--this haunting book is one to read and re-read." About the Author Lesley Blanch (1904-2007) was born in London and attended St. Paul's Girls' School, Hammersmith, and later studied painting at the Slade School of Fine Art. She designed costumes and scenes for theater and book jackets for T.S. Eliot at Faber, painted wall panels and murals in private homes, drew satirical portraits of society figures, and in 1933 created a poster for the London Underground. From 1937-1944, she was a features editor at *Vogue*, where she worked with photographer Lee Miller to document the lives of women in the British forces during the war. Blanch was married to Robert Alan Wimberley Bicknell from 1930 to 1941, then married to French novelist and diplomat Romain Gary from 1945 to 1962. In 1954, she published her best known work, *The Wilder Shores of Love*, and went on to write several other books, including cookbooks and a memoir, before the end of her life at age 102.