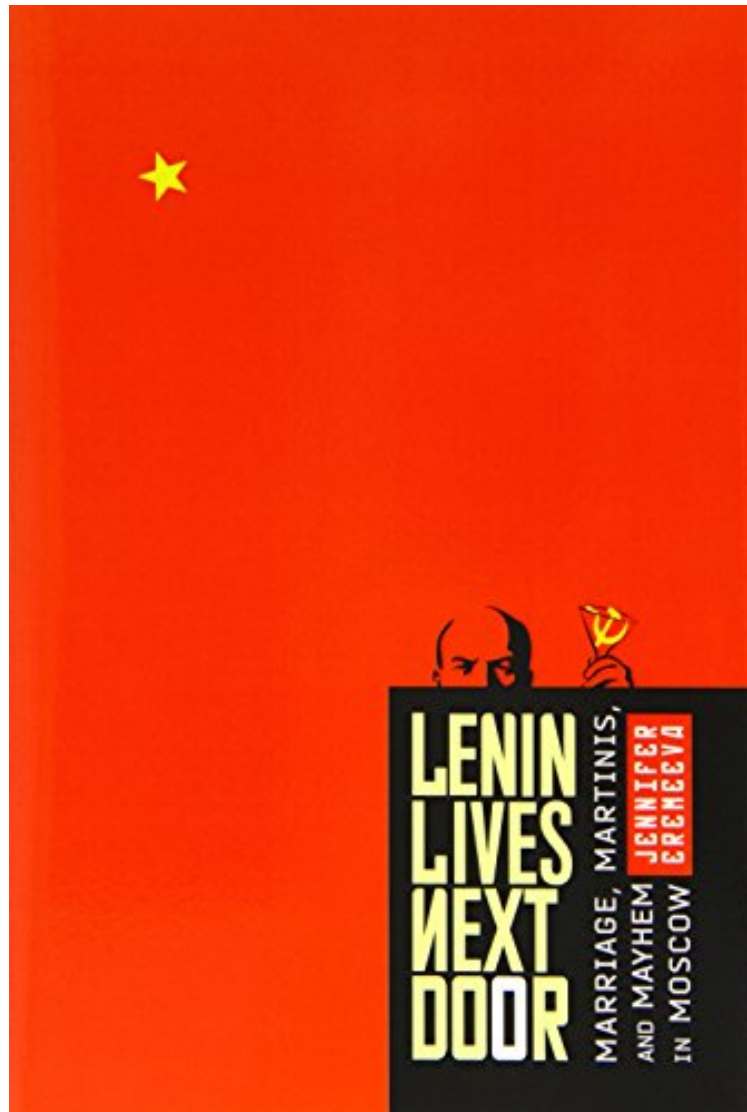


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Jennifer Eremeeva : Lenin Lives Next Door: Marriage, Martinis, and Mayhem in Moscow before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lenin Lives Next Door: Marriage, Martinis, and Mayhem in Moscow:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Lenin Lives Next DoorBy Mark RayA light hearted look at life in modern Russia and it expatriate population.As a schoolgirl in the USA the author found a copy of Nicholas and

Alexandra in her school library. This led her to more books on Russia and eventually to study Russian at University. Working as a tour guide for US visitors she frequently visited the country and finally married a hulk of a Russian officer who eventually became an entrepreneur. She is merciless in her exposure of Russian Society ranging from infinite numbers of rude waitresses, companies ruthlessly exploiting naïve Americans they employ and dump as routine, and the Russian obsession with dachas. Lenin living next door? Well not exactly. Next to their block of flats is the institute where his body is regularly taken for re-embalming and receiving new clothes. Unfortunately the windows are too dirty for her to see what's going on inside. All in all a fun book worth reading if you have an interest in modern Russia warts and all. Even more so if you have visited in the last few years. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. P.G. Wodehouse never had to spend the weekend at a dacha . . . By Durm Guy... but Eremeeva's breezy, penetrating style gives you the sense of what it might have been like if he had. Thank God. The book is so much fun that I'm sorry to break the news to you: you'll actually learn a lot about the country--how it got the way it is, what it's been like to live and work there over the past two decades (navigating the equally treacherous worlds of International Business and Expat Book Clubs), and what might be next (Crimea 2.0, anyone?). If you want to know the (sensible reasoning behind) why Russians think jam will cure any illness, the proper gifts to buy your Handsome Russian Husband for Men's Day, the reason you should definitely refuse that dacha invitation, or (in my favorite chapter) why, historically speaking, Russians have reason to be a little paranoid, this book is for you. "Have Personality Disorder, Will Rule Russia" is next on her docket--I can't wait! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Authentic, funny and highly informative. By Martina. I'm sceptical of expats' books. So far those I read were either not interested at all or not well written. That's why I first got free Kindle book "Have personality disorder, will rule Russia" which was a page-turner! Jennifer has both - interested stories but also a great style of writing. I had to read Lenin lives next door after that. If you think you will understand the Russians after reading this book, I will disappoint you - you will be probably even more puzzled ;-) But you will get a glance at their customs, food, relationships and even fraud schemes (quite helpful if you are planning a trip to Russia!). What I appreciated the most was the fact that the writer lived in Russia since the USSR and witnessed the transformation of economy and politics. Thus, lot of funny stuff about Russians make sense if you see in the historical context. Also, there are no boring facts in this books. Everything is mentioned in chats between the writer, her family and friends. You will read not just her stories, but also opinions and experience of other expats and locals - from Venezuelan gay designer to extravagant "minigarchs" (wannabe oligarchs). Bonus: some tips on how to handle Russian alpha male in household included!

"You can't make this stuff up." So says American writer, imperial Russia enthusiast, and veteran expatriate, Jennifer Eremeeva, who has lived for the last twenty years in Russia with HRH, her Handsome Russian Husband (occasionally a.k.a. Horrible Russian Husband) and their growing daughter. Luckily for Eremeeva, she didn't need to make up most of the events that inspired this, her first work of fiction. When she (and her alter-ego heroine, coincidentally named Jennifer) quit her job to write full time, she became enthralled with the dingy gray building across the courtyard from her apartment, where, it turned out, Vladimir Lenin's embalmed corpse was routinely freshened up and preserved. The result is *Lenin Lives Next Door: Marriage, Martinis, and Mayhem in Moscow*.

Jennifer Eremeeva has the keen eye of a David Remnick or Hedrick Smith, but she is a whole lot funnier! *Lenin Lives Next Door* is a raucous look at how life in Russia has evolved from Soviet days to Putin's time, told by Russia's leading expat humorist. Eremeeva's witty book sheds new light on the Russian approach to culture, business, and relationships today. She plies Moscow theaters, restaurants, and parties, imparting hilarious observations and deliciously wicked commentary. She offers up practical advice (e.g., what to bring if you must ever spend the weekend at a Russian dacha summer cottage) and muses on key issues of contemporary Russian life, like whether you can trust a woman named Olga or Tatiana, or why the Russians have such love for mayonnaise. For anyone who appreciates witty prose and great storytelling, the vodka-infused trials and tribulations of *Lenin Lives Next Door* are a must-read. -- Beth Knobel, co-author of *Heat and Light: Advice for the Next Generation of Journalists*, and former Moscow Bureau Chief, CBS News. About the Author Eremeeva received a BA in Russian Area Studies from Columbia University and studied at the Moscow Academy of Photography. She has lived in Moscow for two decades and speaks fluent Russian (so helpful for eavesdropping on conversations). Eremeeva is the author of the award-winning humor blog, "Russia Lite: The Funnier Side of Life in the World's Largest Country," and the creator and curator of the popular food blog "The Moscovore: Culinary Adventures in the Russian Capital." Eremeeva is the regular humor and cooking columnist for *Russia Beyond the Headlines*. Her work has appeared in *The Moscow Times*, *Russian Life*, and the BBC's *Russian Service*. She divides her time between Russia and the United States. This is her first book. To find out more about Jennifer, visit jennifereremeeva.com