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From Reader Review Peter the Great for online ebook

Elena says

Very nice told story of Peter the Great.

I like Henri Troyat rich language and deep research he did on all his books.

Recommend this book to everyone who likes historical fiction

Tom Hunter says

An interesting book on the subject of a vile man. In reality, too few sources are extant to really write a review of this brutal man.

Mike Glaser says

Interesting note, Everything that Peter did was for the greater glory of Russia with little care for the impact of his policies on his people. The people for the most part accepted their lot.

Bruno Gremez says

I read this book in its original French version, but I understand that many books of Henri Troyat, including this one, have been translated into English. Fascinated by the history of Russia, I have read many books about this unique country and its leaders. Among the generations of tsars who have shaped its history, the most extraordinary is without any doubt Peter the Great (1672 - 1725). While the book contains funny anecdotes, some depicting a man without manner, unable to use a knife and a fork in European court receptions, or being so drunk that he shot at Rubens paintings in London, just for fun, Henri Troyat details the biography and the complicated personality of Peter the Great marvellously, with lots of historical references. Peter the Great remains for many the Tsar who built the wonderful city of Saint Petersburg after his victory over the Swedes. But above all, he is the tsar that showed a fascination for Europe and an insatiable desire to travel around Europe (against the will of the Russian clergy, which strongly believed that the place of a Russian Tsar was in Russia, not elsewhere) from where he will bring back home all kinds of discoveries in science, engineering, arts, culture and manners that enabled him to modernise Russia. Importantly, Peter the Great will organise the Russian army, establish a Russian fleet (at a time when there was none) and transform Russia into a modern nation and a real European power that started to weigh on international relations. He truly contributed to make Russia what it is today.

Review by Bruno Gremez

Buddy Don says

This is the second Troyat biography I've read, the other being Ivan the Terrible. I found it very readable and informative, though it would be much better if it had a map or three. I also find it a stretch to be told what various individuals were thinking at different specific moments, which seems to me to be beyond what can be known for certain. Having read no other biographies of Peter the Great and knowing little about him before reading this, I can't say if this is one of the better ones, but it held my interest from the very beginning, the kind of book that is hard to turn away, though at times it's the kind of satisfaction or curiostiy that comes of watching a snake eat a bird.

Greg says

Good read on Russia in the 1700's.

Linda says

Russian history is so intersting... and Peter the Great is one unique character. Great read

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