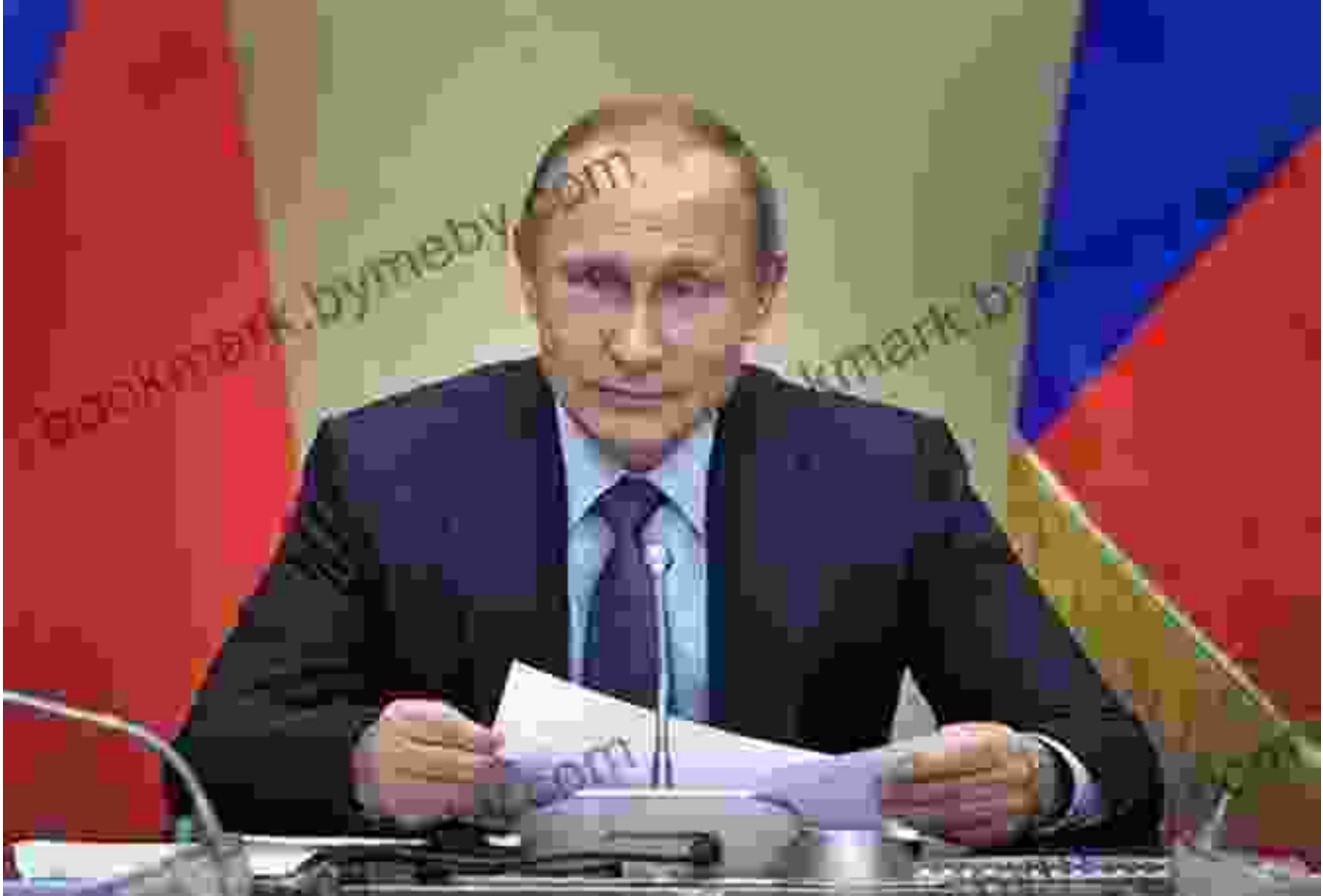


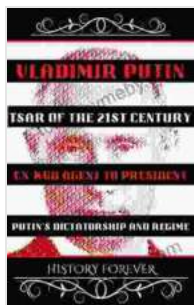
Tsar of the 21st Century: The Unprecedented Ascension of Vladimir Putin



Vladimir Putin is one of the most enigmatic and influential figures of our time. Since rising to power in 1999, he has transformed Russia from a weak and chaotic state into a resurgent global power. But how did Putin achieve this remarkable feat? And what are the implications of his authoritarian rule for Russia and the world?

In *Tsar of the 21st Century*, acclaimed journalist and Russia expert Masha Gessen provides a comprehensive and insightful account of Putin's rise to power. Gessen draws on extensive interviews with Putin's associates,

friends, and family, as well as on her own deep knowledge of Russian history and politics.



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Gessen paints a vivid portrait of Putin as a complex and contradictory figure. He is a brilliant strategist and a ruthless tactician. He is a charismatic leader and a master of propaganda. He is a devout Orthodox Christian and a KGB veteran. He is a nationalist who dreams of restoring Russia to its former glory. And he is a pragmatist who is willing to do whatever it takes to achieve his goals.

Gessen argues that Putin's rise to power was not inevitable. It was the result of a series of fortuitous events, combined with Putin's own ambition and skill. Putin benefited from the weakness of his predecessors, Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev. He also benefited from the chaos and corruption that plagued Russia in the 1990s. And he was able to exploit the

fears and resentments of the Russian people, who were yearning for stability and a sense of national pride.

Once in power, Putin quickly consolidated his control over Russia. He cracked down on political dissent, stifled the media, and rigged elections. He also expanded the powers of the presidency and created a vast patronage network that rewarded his loyalists. Putin's authoritarian rule has been met with both praise and criticism. His supporters argue that he has restored Free Download and stability to Russia. They also credit him with making Russia a more powerful and respected player on the world stage.

Critics of Putin's regime argue that he has destroyed democracy in Russia. They point to the suppression of political opposition, the persecution of journalists, and the rigged elections. They also argue that Putin's foreign policy has been reckless and aggressive, and that he has damaged Russia's relations with the West.

Whatever one's opinion of Putin, there is no doubt that he is one of the most consequential figures of our time. His rise to power has had a profound impact on Russia and the world. *Tsar of the 21st Century* is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the rise of Vladimir Putin and the implications of his authoritarian rule.

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About the Author

Masha Gessen is an acclaimed journalist and Russia expert. She is the author of several books on Russian politics, including *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* and *The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Clinched in Russia*.

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Tsar of the 21st Century is Gessen's most recent book. It was published in 2015 and has been translated into more than 20 languages.

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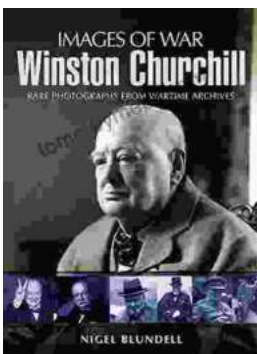
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