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The seventh Inspector Rostnikov novel. Rostnikov never goes on vacation, so why has he agreed to take a holiday in Yalta? Perhaps because he has no choice. He's ordered to go and the rumour is he will be demoted while he is away from Moscow.



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Xtreem

How many Inspector Rostnikov novels--15? 20?--and there will be no more, because the author passed away in 2009, with *A Whisper to the Living* being published posthumously. I have read these works on and off for the past twelve years or so, after having visited post-Communist Russia twice. It is a haunting place, incredibly harsh and alive. The people are gruff but have hearts of gold. I think of my experiences there almost daily even now. Kaminsky's novels bring it all back so vividly. I recently purchased the rest of the set on Amazon, and read all of them in chronological order. I highly recommend you do the same. No one of them stands out for me--I take them together, as a kind of extended novel, a slice of Russian life, best savored with some borscht, sausage and pelmeni,

on a chill winter's evening.

LeXXXuS

Like all of the other Rostnikov books, this one is wonderful. I would give it five stars, except I want to call attention to the fact that it was evidently not proofread thoroughly when being rendered into its electronic format. There are several instances of words obviously mis-read by whatever computer was doing the work. I'm hoping somebody will see this note and fix the problems.

Micelhorav

Kaminsky has a real feel for Russia and it come through loud and clear in this novel set in Yalta and Moscow. One can imagine the chaos that followed the demise of the USSR and the conflicted roles of the regular police when the rules they followed suddenly changed for ever.

Chuynopana

All the poor guy needs is some rest...however as a loyal reader of the Inspector Rostnikov series one knows better. This installment is very good as it involves the Inspector's wife and the tenuous bond between the KGB and the Inspector in solving a crime. Add to that the Russian - American tension brought into the mix and the vacation is basically out the window. All of this plays out in the seaside setting of Yalta which at first feels expansive, but as the story plays out becomes rather claustrophobic for the Inspector.

Stuart Kaminski is the master of creating environments where the forces of good and evil do battle. extraordinary things happen in ordinary settings. His commentary on the end of the Soviet Union and the effects of the changeover to capitalism are more informative in some ways than a history book, in that they put a human face on it.

All in all a great read.

Darksinger

Rostinkov is Columbo if he were a world weary Russian detective who weightlifts and does plumbing on the side. I find Kaminsky's writing to be more entertaining than most TV cop dramas. There are other distinct, quirky characters investigagating other crimes that are sometimes connected and sometimes not. The plots move along at a nice pace. I can easily set it down and come back to it later without re-reading where I am in the story. I recommed trying to read them in order to watch the regular characters grow and evolve.

Ynye

Enjoyed Rostnikov's vacation, every one of this series has been a fun read and I intend to read them all. Sometimes the translations leaves a bit to be desired but all in all they are a good read. Love the characters as they all are down to earth folks and have problems we can relate to.... would reccommend it to anyone who wants to read about mystery and murder in another country. watching to future

Another thoughtful, complex, fascinating Inspector Rostnikov mystery. Full of interesting characters fully fleshed out. Redolent with Russian historical flavor. Leaves nothing unsaid, if this is the only one of the series you've read. Provides added interest and character development if you have read others in the series. Like most of his Russian novels, this book is a keeper, one you might want to read again. You can't say that about most mysteries.

Great book. I enjoy the Inspector Porfiry novels and they are very hard to find. Thank you Amazon.

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