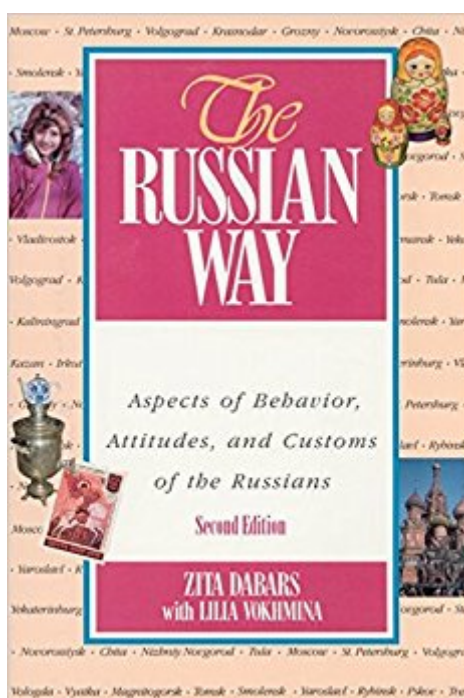


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# The Russian Way, Second Edition: Aspects Of Behavior, Attitudes, And Customs Of The Russians



## Synopsis

Fully updated to reflect the rapidly changing cultural climate in today's Russia, *The Russian Way* is indispensable for understanding the Russian way of life and for communicating with the Russian people. It is not only fascinating but also invaluable to businesspeople, travelers, and students. Organized alphabetically, the book answers questions such as: How do Russians celebrate holidays? How do Russians think, do business, and act in their daily lives? What do Russians enjoy eating?

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Here's an up to the minute, insider's look at how Russians live and work and how they feel about everything from family to religion to entertainment. Explore *The Russian Way* of doing things, and you'll uncover a fascinating world imbued with kindness, generosity, superstition, and surprises. Russian character comes to life as you follow favorite pastimes such as communal baths, the circus, mushroom gathering, and watching television--especially soap operas. View life from the perspective of average Russians ("poor man's caviar" and flea markets) and "new" (rich) Russians (international dining and upscale shops). Historic background, evolving changes, and Russian words and phrases are woven into every chapter. Find out how Russians feel about advertising (suspicious), clothing (conservative), "gifts" and bribes (necessary), dating (not until college), and appropriate behavior (bring flowers to dinner, always check your coat at the theater, and don't compliment a new baby to avoid the "evil eye"). *The Russian Way* is brimming with practical and

lively facts on: Home life, meals, and housing Healthcare, education, politics, religion, and professions Hotels, dining, shopping, and entertainment Language, gestures, literature, and the Russian soul The creative community, including controversial artist Tsereteli This handy guide will help you understand and appreciate Russian way from Arkhangelsk to Vladivostok.

Zita Dabars, Ph.D., is an experienced academic, teacher, and author. She is president of The American Council of Teachers of Russian and has visited Russia more on more than thirty occasions. Lilia Vokhmina has authored over sixty books and has taught for many years at the Pushkin Institute of Russian Language, Moscow.

Bought this book in an effort to understand my wonderful Russian husband's heritage and culture a little better. Mysteries such as, "My goodness! This Russian drinks more tea than an Englishman!" and "Why the obsession with mushrooms?" have been solved. Knowing a bit more about my husband's culture than what he has let slip has enabled me to redesign our daily schedules to include and celebrate such traditions as afternoon and evening tea and setting aside part of our backyard to simulate a dacha. I think he's a happier, more settled man for it and I am a happier wife for understanding my husband better.

There were a lot of facts within the book that were informative regarding culture and history. However, the book is 12 years old and much has changed in Russia since then. Great for historical and cultural insights. For current conditions and perspectives in Russia I do not recommend this book.

No student of Russian should be without this extremely entertaining and thoroughly accurate assessment of the many cultural peculiarities of Russian life that remain puzzling if one simply knows the language.

Now I can understand why my friends enjoy walking through the woods so much, among other things.

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I'm writing a novel inspired by a true story a lot of which takes place in Russia. Found this book

invaluable for research.

Very intriguing and useful information about Russian culture. Easy to read and prepare for a trip abroad. Know all the Russian little quirks.

A very boring book. It goes into the very basics of Russian culture. It only had a couple pages about dating a Russian. I have been there twice in the last year, and didn't find the book useful at all. Find another book to read about Russian Culture and social dynamics.

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