

Petrostate Putin: Power and the New Russia

In the annals of modern history, the rise of Vladimir Putin to power in Russia stands as a watershed moment. A former KGB officer with a steely gaze and an iron will, Putin has transformed Russia from a post-Soviet backwater into a global energy superpower.

At the heart of Putin's reign lies the country's vast oil and gas reserves. Russia is the world's second-largest oil producer and the largest exporter of natural gas. This immense energy wealth has fueled Russia's economic growth and geopolitical ambitions.



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In his book *Petrostate Putin: Power and the New Russia*, acclaimed journalist Marshall Goldman provides a comprehensive analysis of the intricate relationship between Putin, the energy industry, and the Russian state. Drawing on decades of research and exclusive interviews, Goldman

paints a vivid portrait of a leader who has used energy as a weapon to consolidate power and project Russian influence abroad.

Goldman traces Putin's rise to power from his humble beginnings in Leningrad to his ascent to the presidency in 1999. He examines how Putin gained control of key energy assets, including the state-owned oil giant Rosneft, and used them to reward allies and punish rivals.

The book also explores the impact of Putin's energy policies on Russia's domestic and foreign policies. Goldman argues that Putin's dependence on oil and gas revenues has made Russia vulnerable to fluctuations in global energy prices. He also shows how Putin has used energy to pressure neighboring countries and assert Russian dominance in the former Soviet Union.

Goldman's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the rise of Vladimir Putin and the role of energy in shaping modern Russia. It is a timely and important work that sheds light on one of the most complex and consequential relationships in global affairs.

Praise for *Petrostate Putin: Power and the New Russia*

"A masterful account of the rise of Vladimir Putin and the role of energy in shaping modern Russia. Goldman's book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the dynamics of power in the 21st century." - Henry Kissinger

"A brilliant and incisive analysis of the Putin regime. Goldman provides a rare glimpse into the inner workings of the Kremlin and the ways in which

energy has been used to consolidate power and project Russian influence abroad." - Madeleine Albright

"An essential read for anyone who wants to understand the rise of Vladimir Putin and the challenges facing Russia in the 21st century." - Zbigniew Brzezinski

About the Author

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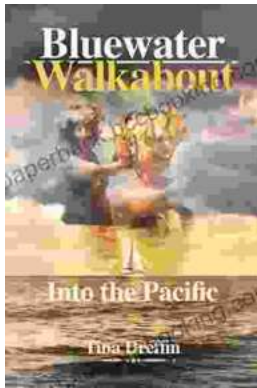
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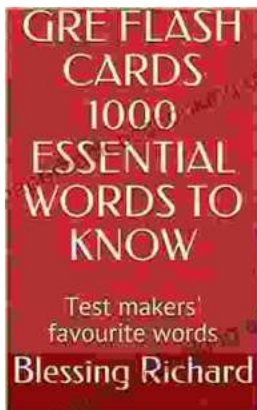
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