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The Heroes Have Returned . . . But the Turmoil Rages On

As the war in the Balkans draws to its bitter close, Prince Sergei Fedorcenko returns to St. Petersburg and to his love, the young servant Anna Burenin. But the battle still rages--both within Sergei's heart and in the revolution that threatens to overthrow the tsar's tenuous control over his vast empire.

Anna's brother, Paul, disillusioned with a peasant's lot in tsarist Russia, joins with his revolutionary friends. Yet even as he seeks to make a difference for the future of his beloved motherland, his violent actions may endanger the life of the sister he loves so much.

Torn between love for her family and devotion to the Fedorcenko family, Anna faces life-changing decisions. Her faith in God is all that supports her as she stands in the gap to keep her loved ones--and all of Russia--from becoming a house divided.

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Shala Self Parker says

Another great book in this series. I can't wait to start the next book. This book gave us more insight into the main characters' lives. As they are growing up and learning who they are and what they believe, it makes us think about what we would do and which character we would hope to become. Great writing and great series.

Rachel McMillan says

Re-read

Talia says

This book features a lot of people doing dumb/dangerous things. I wanted to continue reading the book to find out what would happen next, but the more I read, the worse things became and I wasn't sure I wanted to keep reading.

People were plotting murders and there were several assassination attempts, a woman accepted a marriage proposal from a psychopath (I really was not into that *at all*), and there was quite a bit of violence.

There is a rape attempt in one scene that was semi-detailed. There are quite a few gory things in this book as well--a detailed hanging execution, multiple horrific deaths.

Once I got to the last third of the book, things finally started to look up. Anna is able to go back to her hometown to see her family again, & I liked reading about her family & their lives again.

We were able to see more of Dmitri, and not just his usual drunken escapades. I don't want to give away too much but the authors give us a peek into his heart and mind, which helped me to understand him a little more.

I liked how Sergei was able to meet Anna's parents too. Those scenes with him and her parents were some of favorites in the book.

The end of the book was perfect. A lovely happy ending :)

3 stars.

Lynette Lee (J.Kirby) says

This is the second book of the Russian series by Michael R. Phillips. The historical setting and events follow history perfectly. It's a must read for anyone that enjoys Russian history.

Ruth says

Love wins

I love the writing of these wonderful author's! They bring you into the world of the characters. In your minds eye you experience the life of the peasants, the loved of their country, and the heart of Anna!

Gracelyn Buckner says

5 Stars

Ekaterina says

Ok, so I really liked the book, but there was some things that made me not want to give a 4 star rating.

First of all, the second book didn't really compare to the first book. I don't know why I didn't like the second book as much. The book was still really good. There were some inaccuracies that I didn't like. In Russia, they don't celebrate mass. Instead of mass, it's called a liturgy, which is a big difference because mass gives the connotation that Russia is Catholic, when it is actually an Orthodox Christian nation. I also felt like some of the story line was extremely unrealistic, especially for the time period. I half disliked it, and half didn't mind it because I was looking for an easy read anyways.

I loved reading about the rest of the characters. I liked Katrina's change in character, and watching the relationship between Anna and Sergei grow. I loved those parts. :-)

Beverly Knudsen says

This is an excellent continuation of this series. Relationships are rekindled and families are broken by decisions that are made. I found this book to be a little easier reading O think because of familiarity with the characters.

I definitely enjoyed it and recommend this book and series.

Whitney White says

I love this series. I could not put this book down. One thing I really liked about it is the fact that it is in a time period neglected by historical fiction, and history in general. It is always passed up for the more exciting Bolshevik Revolution 30-odd years later, so I found the historical tidbits quite interesting, and it helped me understand better the volatile state of Russia under the Tsar Liberator. The characters are quite well developed, too, and I liked that a significant portion of the story happens in Anna's home village, which was

not the case in the first book.

Erin says

3.5 stars

Since all the principal characters had been introduced in *The Crown and the Crucible*, book 2 definitely had a bit more meat as rebels continue to try and assassinate their Tsar and Anna's brother, Paul is in the mix. Anna and Sergei find themselves parted, Katrina is being courted by a controversial figure, and Anna and Paul's father, Yevno battles a failing heart.

I enjoyed this slightly more than the first book, but this is a fairly clean description of the conflict between the Romanov leader and his subjects. However, this is a Christian historical romance which is light on the history and heavy on the romance. Again it is the curiosity of seeing everything play out and the short chapters that pushes me to keep on going.

Priscilla says

Starting to realize how awesome this series is! Loving the characters.

Taryn Spearey says

A lovely sequel! Anna continues to be the servant of Princess Katrina. Katrina is in love with Demetri, but another man is trying to have her heart. I'm glad that Anna got to go home for a while for her ill father. When her father fainted in the field, I was so worried that he was going to die, but he didn't. The wedding at the end of the book was beautiful.

Christine says

This book was just as satisfying as the first, and I am looking forward to continuing the series. I am not sure if I was just reading too quickly, but it seemed to me that many big details about some of the characters were left out and I had to fill in the blanks myself. Nonetheless, the story is sweet and this book seemed much shorter than it actually was.

Tirzah Eleora says

Enjoyable, although certain plot lines were terribly cliché and cheesy. Not as well written as the first book, but there is a lot more action.

Wendy says

3.5 stars for this one! Book 2 in the series was entertaining and picked right up where book 1 left off.

I love reading the Russian history and found it very interesting.

Katrina and Anna are grown women now and each has someone they love and hoping to plan a future with.

I don't mind a little bit of romance in the books I read, but there was much more in this book than the last and it had some cheesy moments.

What I most enjoyed reading about were the conflicts between the aristocratic Romanov family and the peasant rebels who fight against them.

Good book and well written, but I liked the first one better!
