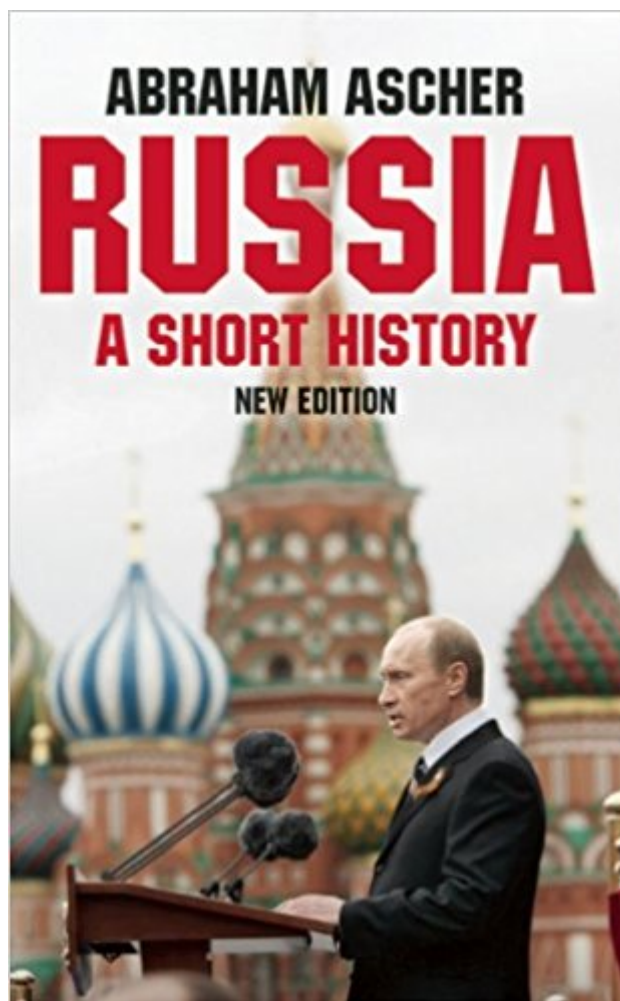


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"So concise and comprehensive history is a rare accomplishment. Ideal for a general reader seeking a clear, coherent narrative on the history of Russia from its origins to the present."

There is no 'short' history of Russia, but this is a pretty good attempt and a good read for those (like

me) just wanting the big picture and not all the details.

It was a gift for my brother, and he enjoyed it very much.

Again, this book helped a returning college student to learn the basics about Russian history before delving into the deep stuff.

A good starter on the topic..but if you want any real detail you need to seek special texts on the subject. The revolutionary period from 1905 to 1939 in particular is hurried, but it is good easy reading

OK, fair book, but a little disjointed. I only read it because it was short and I was going to Russia, so it served its purpose

Ascher's "Russia: A Short History" is a great choice to get acquainted with Russian history. I didn't know much of Russia's story except as it relates to the World Wars and the Cold War. This book provides a masterful overview of the Russian state from its inception till Vladimir Putin's government. The text is entertaining and easy to read. Ascher does a good job of providing sufficient detail without overloading the reader's brain.

My husband and I are amazed at how much information, complete with nuances, is included in this short history of Russia. We are planning a trip to Russia and wanted background information to help us get more out of the trip. This book really fits the bill.

This book is a great synopsis of the history of Russia. It is a great starting point to get a general timeline of the nation's history. This should stimulate the reader to want to delve into the stories and periods of Russian history they find most fascinating.

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