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After a nightmare blind date, hair stylist Holly Phillips swears off men. The only problem with that plan? Her mysterious and sinfully sexy neighbor Kostya who appeared from the shadows and saved her on that cold, scary night. Russian covert operative turned infamous mob cleaner Kostya Antonovich lives his life by one major rule: Don't Get Involved. But when the lies surrounding Holly's birth begin to unravel, Kostya's only choice is to break that rule and break it hard. He'll use every last tool in that sinister black bag of his to protect Holly from a cartel hit squad and the notorious KGB operative who has escaped a grim Russian prison to seek his revenge. For her, he'll risk it all. Shay Sandoval has big dreams and works hard to achieve them. But her older sister likes that fast, easy money and finds herself in a hot mess of trouble when she helps her boyfriend scam Houston's underworld. Terrified for her sister and herself, Shay turns to the only man powerful enough to save them—former prize fighter and Russian mob enforcer Alexei Sarnov. Just as ruthless in business as he was on the streets, Alexei has built a new life as a respected, wealthy businessman. When he learns Shay's troubled sister has invoked the wrath of Houston's criminal elite, Alexei rushes to intercept Shay before the city's worst men can get their hands on her. But now that she's under his protection—and under his hands—Alexei realizes that he wants and needs more than he's ever dared to hope for in his harsh life. He wants Shay in his home and in his bed—but not as merely his mistress. Earning Shay's love and trust just might be the hardest deal he's ever sealed...

Review: "The Imperial Sublime examines the rise of the Russian empire as a literary theme alongside the creation and evolution of modern Russian poetry between the 1730s and 1840. Arising from the need to celebrate the Russian state and its expanding territories, the imperial theme quickly became enmeshed in a wider range of issues, from formal problems of genre, style, and lyric voice to the vexed relationship between the poet and Russia's ruling monarchs." "Part of a growing body of recent scholarship that has examined Russian representations of Russia's southern borderlands in the light of European orientalism and imperialism, The Imperial Sublime shows how the broader cultural discourses of empire can be adapted and inflected by a national literary system."--BOOK JACKET

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In Quest of Tolstoy***

The Imperial Sublime

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Russia and China

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"Gorgeous and richly imagined."—Sara Raasch, New York Times bestselling author of the Snow Like Ashes series "Teeming with hidden magic and fiery romance."—Sabaa Tahir, #1 New York Times bestselling author of An Ember in the Ashes Perfect for fans of Shadow and Bone and Red Queen, *The Crown's Game* is a thrilling and atmospheric historical fantasy set in Imperial Russia about two teenagers who must compete for the right to become the Imperial Enchanter—or die in the process—from debut author Evelyn Skye. Vika Andreyeva can summon the snow and turn ash into gold. Nikolai Karimov can see through walls and conjure bridges out of thin air. They are enchanters—the only two in Russia—and with the Ottoman Empire and the Kazakhs threatening, the tsar needs a powerful enchanter by his side. And so he initiates the Crown's Game, an ancient duel of magical skill—the greatest test an enchanter will ever know. The victor becomes the Imperial Enchanter and the tsar's most respected adviser. The defeated is sentenced to death. Raised on tiny Ovchinin Island her whole life, Vika is eager for the chance to show off her talent in the grand capital of Saint Petersburg. But can she kill another enchanter—even when his magic calls to her like nothing else ever has? For Nikolai, an orphan, the Crown's Game is the chance of a lifetime. But his deadly opponent is a force to be reckoned with—beautiful, whip smart, imaginative—and he can't stop thinking about her. And when Pasha, Nikolai's best friend and heir to the throne, also starts to fall for the mysterious enchantress, Nikolai must defeat the girl they both love . . . or be killed himself. As long-buried secrets emerge, threatening the future of the empire, it becomes dangerously clear . . . the Crown's Game is not one to lose. The war in Georgia. Tensions with Ukraine and other nearby countries. Moscow's bid to consolidate its "zone of privileged interests" among the Commonwealth of Independent States. These volatile situations all raise questions about the nature of and prospects for Russia's relations with its neighbors. In this book, Carnegie scholar Dmitri Trenin argues that Moscow needs to drop the notion of creating an exclusive power center out of the post-Soviet space. Like other former European empires, Russia will need to reinvent itself as a global player and as part of a wider community. Trenin's vision of Russia is an open Euro-Pacific country that is savvy in its use of soft power and fully reconciled with its former borderlands and dependents. He acknowledges that this scenario may sound too optimistic but warns that the alternative is not a new version of the historic empire but instead is the ultimate marginalization of Russia.

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When pawn broker Abby Kirkwood discovers the evidence of a chilling drug cartel hit on one of the video cameras hocked in her store, she turns to the only man she can trust—Jack Connolly. The smolderingly sexy former Marine runs a successful gym down the street and coaches her brother's special needs baseball team. He's the one man who is always there when she needs him. If anyone can protect her family, it's commanding, capable Jack. The moment he learns someone is threatening Abby and her brother, Jack sees red. To save the woman he's secretly loved for years, he'll do whatever it takes, even if it means facing off with a Mexican drug cartel and making deals with the same Albanian mob outfit that tried to ruin his family. He finally has sweet, feisty Abby right where she was always meant to be—writhing with pleasure in his bed and safely sheltered in his arms. The vicious cartel assassin hot on her heels has no idea what he's up against. The

Connolly brothers are standing strong together—and no one touches their family. Alpha male, Marine romance, military hero, interracial romance, bwwm romance, mob, fighter romance, suspense, sexy, fighting connollys, her Russian protector, roxie rivera

On the Eve by Ivan Turgenev - Delphi Classics (Illustrated)

Nikolai 2 (Her Russian Protector #6)

Her Russian Protector #8

Nation, Language, Islam

Adventures with Russian Books and the People Who Read Them

Close Quarters

You can't put a price on love - so they say... When a medical condition threatens to tear apart Lanie Talbot's family, she makes the ultimate sacrifice. With no time and no other option, Lanie puts herself up for sale at an underground, high-end establishment where women are auctioned off to influential, wealthy men with more money than sense. Enter Noah Crawford: millionaire business mogul and Chicago's most eligible bachelor. But Noah's distrust in relationships has led him to make a very desperate decision of his own - purchasing a woman to satisfy his every desire. No strings attached, no heartbreak, and no way anyone will ever know. Just two million dollars to have his wicked way with Lanie Talbot for two years . . . Lani and Noah's relationship is explosive. When they fight, they take no prisoners. When they love, they show no mercy. When they combine the two, they never want to leave each other's arms. But did they both get more than they bargained for? A MILLION DIRTY SECRETS is the first part of a scorching hot romantic duet that promises to be this generation's Pretty Woman.

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The folder may include clippings, announcements, small exhibition catalogs, and other ephemeral items.

After a stalker breaks into her home, internet entrepreneur Bee Langston decides Kelly Connolly is the only man who can help her--but seeking help from the former Marine isn't easy, especially after she made a spectacular fool of herself trying to kiss the sinfully sexy bodyguard. When Kelly spots Bee weaving her way through the Houston nightspot where he's working security, all those feelings he's desperately tried to deny for his best friend's sister come flooding to the surface. He'll do anything to keep her safe, even if it means getting up close and personal with the one woman he simply can't have. Soon, Bee's stalker isn't his only problem. His gambling addict father is tangled in a mess of debts to two of Houston's toughest loan sharks. With the family gym on the line, there's only one way for Kelly to make everything right. He agrees to fight for the Albanian mob in an underground bare-knuckle tournament. But winning the tournament and saving his family's legacy comes at a high price--one that just might cost Bee her life. keywords: alpha male, fighter romance, underground fighting, mixed martial arts, geek heroine, tech romance, mob, Marine romance, bodyguard romance, roxie rivera, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series

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Russian Politics and Society

Kostya (Her Russian Protector #7)

(Her Russian Protector #5. 5)

Tatarstan's Sovereignty Movement

A Russian Poetics of Empire

Desperate to find her sister, Erin goes to the only man in Houston who can help her: Ivan Markovic. The intimidating, tattooed Russian

operates one of the most elite mixed-martial arts training centers in the world but it ' s his shadowy past and reputed connections with Houston ' s underworld that interest her most. To find her sister, she ' ll need the help of her big, scary Russian protector—but asking for help from a man like Ivan carries a steep price, one that might just include her heart. alpha male, fighter romance, mob romance, mixed martial arts, mob enforcer, college romance, new adult romance, her Russian protector series, roxie rivera

This book depicts the sophisticated relationship between Russia and China as a pragmatic one, a political “ marriage of convenience ” . Yet at the same time the relationship is stable, and will remain so. After all, bilateral relations are usually based on pragmatic interests and the pursuit of these interests is the very essence of foreign policy. And, as often happens in life, the most long-lasting marriages are those based on convenience. The highly complex, complicated, ambiguous and yet, indeed, successful relationship between Russia and China throughout the past 25 years is difficult to grasp theoretically. Russian and Chinese elites are hard-core realists in their foreign policies, and the neorealist school in international relations seems to be the most adequate one to research Sino-Russian relations. Realistically, throughout this period China achieved a multidimensional advantage over Russia. Yet, simultaneously Russia-China relations do not follow the patterns of power politics. Beijing knows its limits and does not go into extremes. Rather, China successfully seeks to build a longterm, stable relationship based on Chinese terms, where both sides gain, albeit China gains a little more. Russia in this agenda does not necessary lose; just gains a little less out of this asymmetric deal. Thus, a new model of bilateral relations emerges, which may be called – by paraphrasing the slogan of Chinese diplomacy – as “ asymmetric win-win ” formula. This model is a kind of “ back to the past “ – a contemporary equivalent of the first model of Russia-China relations: the modus vivendi from the 17th century, achieved after the Nerchinsk treaty.

This eBook features the unabridged text of ‘ On the Eve by Ivan Turgenev - Delphi Classics (Illustrated) ’ from the bestselling edition of ‘ The Collected Works of Ivan Turgenev ’ . Having established their name as the leading publisher of classic literature and art, Delphi Classics produce publications that are individually crafted with superior formatting, while introducing many rare texts for the first time in digital print. The Delphi Classics edition of Turgenev includes original annotations and illustrations relating to the life and works of the author, as well as individual tables of contents, allowing you to navigate eBooks quickly and easily. eBook features: * The complete unabridged text of ‘ On the Eve by Ivan Turgenev - Delphi Classics (Illustrated) ’ * Beautifully illustrated with images related to Turgenev ' s works * Individual contents table, allowing easy navigation around the eBook * Excellent formatting of the text Please visit www.delphiclassics.com to learn more about our wide range of titles

Tolstoy has held the attention of mankind for well over a century. A gifted writer, whose novels and short stories continue to entrance readers all over the world, he was at the same time a fearless moral philosopher who explored and challenged the fundamental bases of human society political, economic, legal, and cultural. In these essays McLean investigates some of the numerous paradoxes in the Tolstoyan heritage, engaging both with Tolstoy the artist, author of those incomparable novels, and Tolstoy the thinker, who, from his impregnable outpost at Yasnaya Polyana, questioned the received ideas and beliefs of the whole civilized world. In two concluding essays, "Tolstoy beyond Tolstoy," McLean deals with the impact of Tolstoy on such diverse figures as Ernest Hemingway and Isaiah Berlin.

European Elites and Ideas of Empire, 1917-1957

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What's to be Done?

Her Cowboy Protector

Fully revised and updated to reflect the considerable changes in Russia over the last decade, the fifth edition of this classic text builds on the strengths of previous editions to provide a comprehensive and sophisticated analysis of Russian politics and society. The new edition incorporates the latest debates about Russian politics, analysing recent institutional and political developments, and examines the electoral cycle and prospects of the president elected at the end of the process. New to this edition: an evaluation of Putin's leadership and the country's political performance under him; updated election results and demographic, social, ethnic/national statistics to include results of the 2010 census; changes in the party system, to electoral legislation and to the composition of parliament as well as the relationship between the executive and legislature; coverage of the constitutional changes and governmental appointments under the various prime ministers; more analysis of economic performance including discussion of the energy sector and pipeline politics; changes in Russian foreign policy since EU enlargement, its relationship with NATO since the 'reset', as well as its relations with post-Soviet states; assessment of the military reforms and security and defence policy; debates over the question of democracy in Russia today, the nature of the system, and its future prospects. Written in an accessible and lively style, this book is packed with detailed information on the central debates and issues in Russia's difficult transformation. An unrivalled textbook on the subject it is essential reading for all those concerned with the fate of Russia, and with the future of international society.

Non Aboriginal material.

To escape a debt owed to the mob, mixed martial artist Zel Tesla agrees to one final match with one of his league's most notorious fighters. If he wins, he'll clear the debts he incurred trying to save his young son's life and earn his freedom. But one chance encounter with a luscious burlesque performer in Vegas threatens all those carefully laid plans... Ten years ago, Sara Contreras fled Houston with the help of her mobbed-up friends. Since barely escaping with her life, she's built a multi-million dollar empire, but she's always looking over her shoulder, wondering if the dark, dangerous secret she left behind in Houston is going to catch up with her. When Sara's past threatens everything Zel has worked so hard to achieve, she has to make a painful choice. She can sacrifice her love for Zel and let him go—or she can fight for him, facing the secret that nearly buried her back in Houston and the loan shark who owns them both.

When Navy SEAL Leland Gates runs off to his family's secluded cabin to lick his wounds, he never expects to find makeup heiress Jamie Pearson hiding out there. His sister's best friend swears she's only there for a weekend of relaxation, but his well-honed instincts tell him that she's in big trouble. Getting tangled up in Jamie's latest hot mess—or her sheets—is the very last thing he needs, but in close quarters like these, there's no denying the white-hot passion blazing between them. keywords: interracial romance, Navy SEAL romance, bwwm romance, multicultural romance, alpha male

Her Russian Surrender

Literature and State Ideology in Late-Eighteenth – Early-Nineteenth-Century Russia

A political marriage of convenience – stable and successful

A Very Russian Christmas

A Romance

Alexei

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After brooding, mercurial mobster Besian saves Marley for the second time, she anxiously awaits his visit in the hospital. She's ready to confess her love for him, certain he returns her feelings. Except, he never comes to see her. Heartbroken, Marley flees Houston and Besian. She wanders Europe, looking for answers, and eventually finds herself standing in the last place she ever expected—Albania, his homeland. Back in Houston, Besian tries to pretend everything is fine. He's convinced himself that letting Marley go was the right decision. She's too good, too pure, for a dark-hearted monster like him. But, when Besian learns someone has put a hit on Marley, he can't lie to himself—or her—any longer. He leaves Houston in the middle of the night, racing off to Albania to find her. And once he does, he knows there's only one way to truly keep her safe. Whether she likes it or not, she's coming back to Houston as his wife.

This edited collection contributes to the current vivid multidisciplinary debate on East European memory politics and the post-communist instrumentalization and re-mythologization of World War II memories. The book focuses on the three Slavic countries of post-Soviet Eastern Europe – Russia, Ukraine and Belarus – the epicentre of Soviet war suffering, and the heartland of the Soviet war myth. The collection gives insight into the persistence of the Soviet commemorative culture and the myth of the Great Patriotic War in the post-Soviet space. It also

demonstrates that for geopolitical, cultural, and historical reasons the political uses of World War II differ significantly across Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, with important ramifications for future developments in the region and beyond. The chapters 'Introduction: War and Memory in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus', 'From the Trauma of Stalinism to the Triumph of Stalingrad: The Toponymic Dispute over Volgograd' and 'The "Partisan Republic": Colonial Myths and Memory Wars in Belarus' are published open access under a CC BY 4.0 license at link.springer.com. The chapter 'Memory, Kinship, and Mobilization of the Dead: The Russian State and the "Immortal Regiment" Movement' is published open access under a CC BY-NC-ND 4.0 license at link.springer.com.

After a year filled with drama and danger, Erin and Ivan are ready to focus on the one thing they want the most--starting a family. When she has yet another negative test, Erin worries there's something wrong with her. Ivan urges his wife not to worry because it will happen when it's meant to happen. He hates seeing her stressed out and does whatever he can to make her happy. But, when Erin's wayward sister is released from jail, he hesitates to allow Ruby to live in their home. He's worried she hasn't changed and that Erin will only end up getting hurt again. Trouble follows Ruby from the cell block to their front door, and Ivan finds himself faced with an insurmountable problem. If he can't save Ruby's life, he'll lose everything--Erin, the family they desperately want and his freedom.

By Fables Alone

The Moon Man

The Possessed

Nikolai

NIKOLAI: The Complete Collection

Her Russian Protector #1

Academic Studies Press is proud to present this translation of Professor Andrei Zorin's seminal *Kormya Dvuglavogo Orla*. This collection of essays includes several that have never before appeared in English, including "The People's War: The Time of Troubles in Russian Literature, 1806-1807" and "Holy Alliances: V. A. Zhukovskii's Epistle 'To Emperor Alexander' and Christian Universalism."

Cruz Montes can't believe her DEA Agent brother is abandoning her on a dusty, isolated

ranch in West Texas with a cowboy she's never met. Carlos swears Niall is the only man who can keep Cruz and her unborn baby safe but she isn't so sure. One look at the rough ex-soldier and Cruz wonders if she wouldn't be safer on her own. Rancher Niall Campbell isn't thrilled with the prospect of babysit-ting his best friend's sister, especially when he learns she's marked for death by an infamous drug cartel assassin. But he swore a blood oath with Carlos in the heat of battle and always keeps his word. He'll defend Cruz and her unborn baby with his life. Cruz quickly realizes she isn't the only one being followed by a ghost. She's drawn to the haunted Niall. As she chips away at his emotional armor, Niall dares to dream about what it might be like to have a family of his own, to keep Cruz and her baby in his life. But all those dreams will remain unrealized if he can't protect her. keywords: cowboy romance, Navy SEAL, organized crime, mafia, cartel, secret baby, pregnancy, latina romance

This Ruthless Russian Plays to Win! When social worker, Sam McKinley meets hockey player, Nikolai Rustanov, it's fire at first sight—a fire Sam totally runs away from as quickly as her heels can carry her. All Sam has ever wanted is a nice, normal family with a nice, normal man. The arrogant Russian hockey player who claims he doesn't believe in love right before he offers to "eat her for breakfast," is about as far from that as a girl can get. But some fires just can't be put out. Soon after meeting Nikolai, Sam forms an unexpected bond with a tragically orphaned boy who turns out to be his nephew. And did we mention, Nikolai is ruthless? Determined to acquire the beautiful social worker as a caretaker for his previously unknown ward and a conquest for his bed, Nikolai moves Sam and her useless dog into his mansion. Sam is dead-set on running, but Nikolai is determined to catch her. And when he does, he'll do just about anything to make her finally surrender to their blazing passion.

Book 5 in the Bestselling Her Russian Protector Sexy Romantic Suspense Series After losing her older brother in a violent robbery, wedding gown designer Bianca Bradshaw refuses to date men with criminal ties. She's never been tempted to cross that line--until Sergei. The Russian behemoth works as an enforcer for mob boss Nikolai Kalasnikov and fights as his champion in the underground bare-knuckle circuit. Sergei is

absolutely the last complication she needs in her life--but he's the only man who makes her body ache with desire. And right now she needs his help. When he learns some creep is bothering Bianca, Sergei Sakharov vows to protect her at all costs. He's been trying to get close to the plus-sized beauty for months but she rejects him at every turn. He's determined to show her that he's worth more as a man than his criminal connections. But Sergei's loyalty to his family--both blood and criminal--put him at odds with the future he wants with Bianca. He has to choose--the woman he desperately loves or his loyalty to the man who saved his life. Because the darkness of the underworld he inhabits is about to spill into Bianca's life and the hardest choice may be the only one that allows him to protect her... keywords: interracial romance, bwwm, mob romance, alpha male, tattoos, fighter romance, mixed martial arts, multicultural romance, her russian protector series, fighting connollys series

Sergei II

New Guinea Diaries, 1871-1883

Perceptions, Policies, and Prospects

The Crown's Game

Sergei (Her Russian Protector #5)

A Biography of Nikolai Miklouho-Maclay

A detailed academic treatise of the history of nationality in Tatarstan. The book demonstrates how state collapse and national revival influenced the divergence of worldviews among ex-Soviet people in Tatarstan, where a political movement for sovereignty (1986-2000) had significant social effects, most saliently, by increasing the domains where people speak the Tatar language and circulating ideas associated with Tatar culture. Also addresses the question of how Russian Muslims experience quotidian life in the post-Soviet period. The only book-length ethnography in English on Tatars, Russia's second most populous nation, and also the largest Muslim community in the Federation, offers a major contribution to our understanding of how and why nations form and how and why they matter – and the limits of their influence, in the Tatar case.

The complete collection of the USA Today Bestselling romance between Russian mob boss Nikolai and the sweet, innocent artist who steals his heart includes NIKOLAI, NIKOLAI II, PAPER and LION'S FIRST ROAR. NIKOLAI After a brush with death as a juvenile delinquent, Vivian swore she'd never stray across that line again—but there's just one problem with her plan to stay on the right side of the law. She's completely, irrevocably and unabashedly in love with Nikolai, the Russian mob boss who saved her life. From the moment Vivian appeared in his life on that tragic April night, Nikolai felt himself inextricably bonded to her. She's the

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Her Ruthless Possessor Her Ruthless Bully Her Ruthless Cowboy *Special Note: Her Ruthless Tycoon was formerly titled The Owner of Heart

Her Ruthless Tycoon

A Eurasian Story

Collateral

Russian National Security

Her Russian Protector #4

In Kelly's Corner (Fighting Connollys #1)

Book 2 in the Bestselling Her Russian Protector Sexy Romantic Suspense Series Refusing to lose her brother to the violent Hermanos street gang, Benny turns to Dimitri, the dead sexy Russian who lives in the apartment above her family's bakery. He's the only man tough enough to get through to Johnny and save him from a life in prison--or worse. There's nothing Dimitri won't do for Benny, even if it means dealing with her troublemaking brother. He quickly realizes that it's not just Johnny and his thug friends that pose a threat to Benny. A shady real estate developer needs to buy her bakery to secure a multi-million dollar deal and he'll stop at nothing to make her sell. Threatened from all sides, Benny finds safety in Dimitri's strong arms--and in his bed. Her big, sexy Russian has no intention of ever letting her go--and he'll brave the fires of hell before he lets anyone harm her. Reader's Note: Dimitri is an incredibly passionate man with a dominant streak--and Benny is only too happy to indulge his need for a little...restraint. keywords: alpha male, latina heroine, multicultural, mob romance, bodyguard romance, her russian protector series

One of The Economist's 2011 Books of the Year THE TRUE BUT UNLIKELY STORIES OF LIVES

DEVOTED—ABSURDLY! MELANCHOLICALLY! BEAUTIFULLY!—TO THE RUSSIAN CLASSICS No one who read

Elif Batuman's first article (in the journal n+1) will ever forget it. "Babel in California" told the true story of various human destinies intersecting at Stanford University during a conference about the enigmatic writer Isaac Babel. Over the course of several pages, Batuman managed to misplace Babel's last living relatives at the San Francisco airport, uncover Babel's secret influence on the making of King Kong, and introduce her readers to a new voice that was unpredictable, comic, humane, ironic, charming, poignant, and completely, unpretentiously full of love for literature. Batuman's subsequent pieces—for The New Yorker, Harper's Magazine, and the London Review of Books— have made her one of the most sought-after and admired writers of her generation, and its best traveling companion. In The Possessed we watch her investigate a possible murder at

Tolstoy's ancestral estate. We go with her to Stanford, Switzerland, and St. Petersburg; retrace Pushkin's wanderings in the Caucasus; learn why Old Uzbek has one hundred different words for crying; and see an eighteenth-century ice palace reconstructed on the Neva. Love and the novel, the individual in history, the existential plight of the graduate student: all find their place in *The Possessed*. Literally and metaphorically following the footsteps of her favorite authors, Batuman searches for the answers to the big questions in the details of lived experience, combining fresh readings of the great Russians, from Pushkin to Platonov, with the sad and funny stories of the lives they continue to influence—including her own.

USA TODAY BESTSELLER Claimed and cherished by Houston's most ruthless mob boss, artist Vivian Kalasnikov embraces her new position as Nikolai's wife and the lonely, dangerous role as queen of Houston's underworld. But Nikolai is keeping secrets from her, and the whispers of a coming street war leave her terrified for the man she so passionately loves—and the tiny life growing inside her. Nikolai finally has everything he's ever wanted—power, wealth and a family with Vivian, the beautiful sun who lights up his dark life. But as his young wife prepares for her debut on the international art stage, he finds himself drawn into a bloody conflict that threatens the quiet life he's painstakingly built. He can feel the promise of his future happiness slipping through his fingers like grains of sand. One wrong move, and he'll lose Vivian and his child forever. One wrong move, and he won't see another sunrise. The sins of their fathers have come back to haunt Vivian and Nikolai. To protect his beloved wife and his heir, he'll do absolutely anything. The brutal gangster who violently conquered the streets of Moscow and Houston is about to be unleashed—and Houston's underworld will never be the same again.

"This collection of holiday-themed short stories fits the Her Russian protector series timeline between Yuri (book 3) and the beginning of Nikolai (book 4). It features couples from the first five books in the series as well as glimpses of future couples to come"--P. v.

War and Memory in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus

Dimitri (Her Russian Protector #2)

Ivan 2 (Her Russian Protector #10)

In Jack's Arms

Step

Post-Imperium

This is an anthology of papers presented at a conference titled "Russian National Security: Perceptions, Policies, and Prospects"

conducted from 4-6 December 2000. The book organizes the papers into six sections - The Russian National Security Community, Russia and Europe, Russian Policy Towards the Caucasus and Central Asia, Russia and Asia, Russia and the United States, and Russia's Military Transformation.

Book One in the Debt Collection series Mechanic and mob enforcer Ben Beciraj can't believe his eyes when Houston socialite Aston McNeil storms into his chop shop and demands the return of the car he's just repossessed as collateral on her stepbrother's defaulted loan. When the fiery blonde heiress offers him anything to get it back, he counters with a deal he never expects her to accept—one week at his beck and call for the keys to her late father's classic car. But Ben's plans to have a little fun with a girl way out of his league are shot to hell after one taste of sweet, beguiling Aston. When her stepbrother's shady dealings are revealed, Ben will do anything to protect her from the seedy underworld he inhabits—even if it means crossing the only family he's ever known. Keywords: new adult, college romance, mob romance, loan shark, multicultural, alpha male, tattoo, wealthy, rich

Sinister Mayhem lead singer Step Vasiliev likes his women wild, his sex rough and his partying hard--but his reckless lifestyle has finally caught up with him. His thirtieth birthday ends with a humiliating face-plant onto the floor of his luxury hotel suite. Hardworking hotel maid Jemima Coates comes to his rescue. Her kindness enralls him, but it's her sweet, innocent beauty that ensnares him. One stolen kiss--and Step knows he'll do anything to protect her. When her younger brother is kidnapped, Step vows to get him back, even if that means knocking on the door of Russian mob boss Nikolai and calling in favors from his cousin Ten, the infamous mob enforcer. Because Step has finally tasted happiness, and he'll fight like hell to keep Jem in his life... keywords: rock star romance, multicultural romance, Russian hero, mafia, mob, organized crime

A Million Dirty Secrets