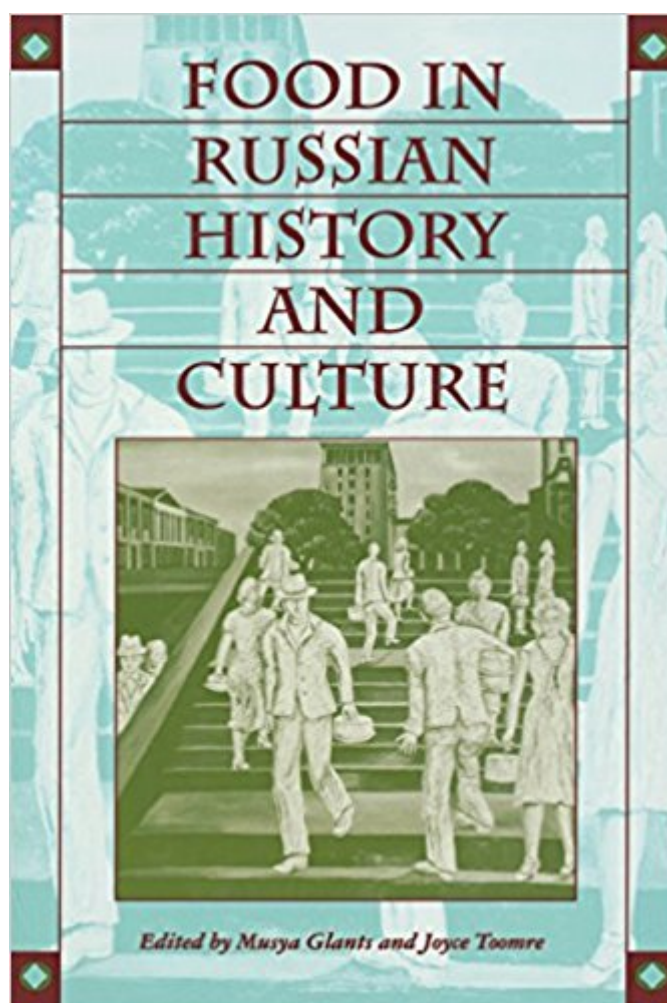


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This book gets a high rating because of its well chosen grouping of essays on various aspects of Russian cuisine and how it ties into the culture and daily life. Having studied some of the same at the Yastreboff School of Russian Language in San Francisco, the essays herein expanded my understanding even further while presenting a different angle to the analysis. When you are living in the thick of it, you may not even be aware of how a tradition or circumstances (Soviet era) may look from an objective observer's point of view. This was the great value of this book for me. It is written by two very well-credentialed authors, whose other writings I would also endorse. A bonus for me was a greater understanding about the significance of bread, the Russian pech (oven) and why my great grandmother was horrified one year when her kulichi (Easter bread) did not come out. That was the year the Bolsheviks shot her husband.

These essays -- by a roster of accomplished contemporary scholars of Russian Studies -- are wonderfully accesible and informative. Readers with interests in folk culture and history, Russian studies (history, literature, whatever) and/or culinary history will feel like they've struck gold. The thirteen scholarly pieces, some with a few illustrations, cover a wealth of topics (see table of contents above)-- consistently well. It's anything but dry; Pamela Chester's article on the relationship between (state-) tormented poets Marina Tsvetaeva and Osip Mandelstam (and their uses of food as symbol and, tragically, their deprivation of it, later) is heartbreaking. Peasantry, the gentry, and the Eastern Orthodox church; brilliant fussy budget Tolstoy's vegetarianism is in here; the uses of food in the writing of Dostoyevsky; fasting and food fashions; Catherine the Great (hardly any tastebuds; hearty interest in 'presentation'); the new Soviet state with its ambitious dreams for the citizenry, and the ultimate cynical mess that resulted. Food as power, class marker, moral symbol, and solace. The roots of asceticism (Orthodox church). Unfortunately, Jewish life and gulag

life has been omitted, and a careful list of the prices of foodstuffs in St. Petersburg in Catherine's time is all rubles and kopeks... so I couldn't tell what I might have been able to afford.. What's here, though, is very good. I'll look for Volume 2.

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