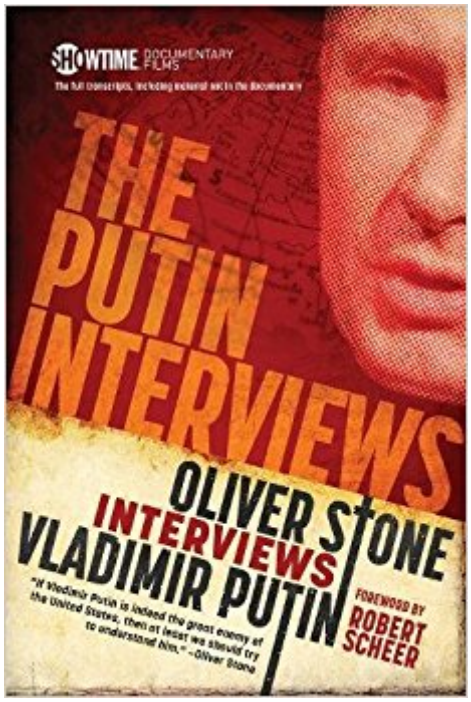
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Synopsis

WITH SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL NOT INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENTARY Academy Award winner Oliver Stone was able to secure what journalists, news organizations, and even other world leaders have long coveted: extended, unprecedented access to Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Putin Interviews are culled from more than a dozen interviews with Putin over a two-year spanÃ¢â ¬â ¢never before has the Russian leader spoken in such depth or at such length with a Western interviewer. No topics are off limits in the interviews, which first occurred during StoneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s trips to meet with NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden in Moscow and most recently after the election of President Donald Trump. Prodded by Stone, Putin discusses relations between the United States and Russia, allegations of interference in the US election, and RussiaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s involvement with conflicts in Syria, Ukraine, and elsewhere across the globe. Putin speaks about his rise to power and details his relationships with Presidents Clinton, George W. Bush, Obama, and Trump. The exchanges are personal, provocative, and at times surreal. At one point, Stone asks, Ã¢â ¬Å“Why did Russia hack the election?Ã¢â ¬Â•; at another, Stone introduces him to Stanley KubrickÃ¢â ¬â„¢s 1964 Cold War satire "Dr. Strangelove," which the two watch together. Stone has interviewed controversial world leaders before, including Hugo Chavez, Fidel Castro, and Benjamin Netanyahu. But The Putin Interviews, in its unmediated access to one of the most enigmatic and powerful men in the world, can only be compared to the series of conversations between David Frost and Richard Nixon we now refer to as Ã¢â ¬Å“The Nixon InterviewsÃ¢â ¬Â• of 1977. The book will also contain references and sources that give readers a deeper understanding of the topics covered in the interviews and make for a more robust reading experience.

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Customer Reviews

Ã¢â ¬Å“Oliver StoneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s unprecedented interviews with Vladimir Putin will be a revelation to anyone influenced by the mass mediaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s years of demonizing RussiaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s leader. The discussions in this book range from the personal to the political, from Russia to America, from little-known episodes to todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s international headlines. The Putin who emerges is deeply committed to RussiaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s national interests, but in ways that should make him AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s essential national security partnerÃ¢â ¬â ¢not, as is so often insisted, its Ã¢â ¬ËœNo. 1 enemy.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Indeed, anyone concerned by the many crises afflicting our world today should seize this opportunity to hear directly from the most consequential national leader of the early twenty-first century.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Stephen F. Cohen, Professor Emeritus of Russian Studies & Politics, New York University and Princeton University Ã¢â ¬Å“A historic and immensely important series of interviewsÃ¢â ¬Â¦The central query in the Stone-Putin interviews is how matters [between the US and Russia] devolved to the current state of tension, and thus they are compelling as a key text for understanding this dangerous timeÃ¢â ¬Â¦a point of suspicion and hostility not witnessed since the end of the Cold WarÃ¢â ¬Â¦A rare candid glimpse into the mind of the powerful, both the ruler and the artist.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢From the Foreword by Robert Scheer, journalist and author of eight books, including They Know Everything About You Ã¢â ¬Å“Oliver StoneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s The Putin Interviews is a desperately-needed antidote to the anti-Russia hysteria gripping the US. When one takes the opportunity to spend time with Vladimir Putin through the interviews, one cannot help but see his humanity, intelligence, and complete lack of antipathy towards the US. Indeed, Putin constantly refers to the US as a Ã¢â ¬Ëœpartner,Ã¢â ¬â„¢ and, in a humorous twist, frequently chides Stone for being too critical of the United States. After reading this book, one will wonder why we cannot view Russia in turn as a partner and a friend, especially at a time when our country is so in need of both.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Daniel Kovalik, labor and human rights lawyer and the author of The Plot to Scapegoat Russia Praise for Oliver Stone: "An uncommonly eloquent and informed artist who doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t back down from his opinions."Ã¢â ¬â ¢Miami Herald "StoneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s workÃ¢â ¬Â¦does succeed in reorienting our perspective."Ã¢â ¬â ¢New York Times "[Oliver Stone has] seized the zeitgeist, drive then

conversation, inspired controversy."Ã¢â ¬â ¢Variety "Remarkable."Ã¢â ¬â ¢Rotten Tomatoes "Rabid gifts as a filmmaker."Ã¢â ¬â ¢Rolling Stone

Robert Scheer is an esteemed journalist and political writer whose columns appear in newspapers across the country. He is the author of eight books, including They Know Everything About You and The Great American Stickup.Academy Award-winning Oliver Stone has written and directed over 25 feature films and 6 documentaries, among them some of the most influential and iconic films of the last decades. Some have been at deep odds with conventional mythÃ¢â ¬â ¢films such as Platoon, Born on the Fourth of July, JFK, Natural Born Killers, Nixon, and Untold History of the United States.

This book bravely shows the reader the Russians' side of the story, a perspective sorely missing in the current debate over U.S.-Russian relations. This book will lead to a greater understanding of how Russia views the U.S. and the world at large, and will hopefully aid in paving the way toward a more peaceful and constructive relationship between our two nations.

Superb and revealing set of interviews.The rabid demonization of Putin leads us on a road to conflict and war - if war, then Armageddon.These interviews go some distance in refuting this demonizationBetter to see it than to read it - but the book is valuable because it provides a transcript of the interviews and some additional materials.I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Haven't finished it but I find it very interesting to see into Putin's thinking. He may be a bad guy but Oliver Stone, the interviewer comes off as the ignorant jerk.

russia has a constitution, laws, and human problems like any other country. We do not need and cannot afford another cold war. We can compete and cooperate and learn from each other's mistakes and accomplishments!!!

It is important to know and understand Mr. Putins views on international and domestic politics. The personal touch of the interviews gives also a unique possiblity to get closer to this powerful person. This is an excellent book which can be read in parallell with the TV series. The fact checking comments, references and internet links are especially useful in this respect.

different point of view to world events

Awesome

Having previously watched "The Putin Interviews" on Showtime, I found myself once again totally engrossed in the additional information and enjoyed the clarity and humanity in which Oliver Stone conducted his interviews. He managed to reach Putin in a personal way and as a result, a fascinating portrait of this world leader emerges. Putin comes across as a complex human being, with not an ounce of self- pity, for example, when he talks about his two siblings having died before him during harsh post- World War 2 time, and having found his little brother's grave recently.I'm not a political person per se but find this important book written with great integrity. I was fascinated by every detail from beginning to end. It is a conversation between two mature, powerful men, who come together in a climate, where the media have been unjustly demonizing Putin. An important contribution to world peace.

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