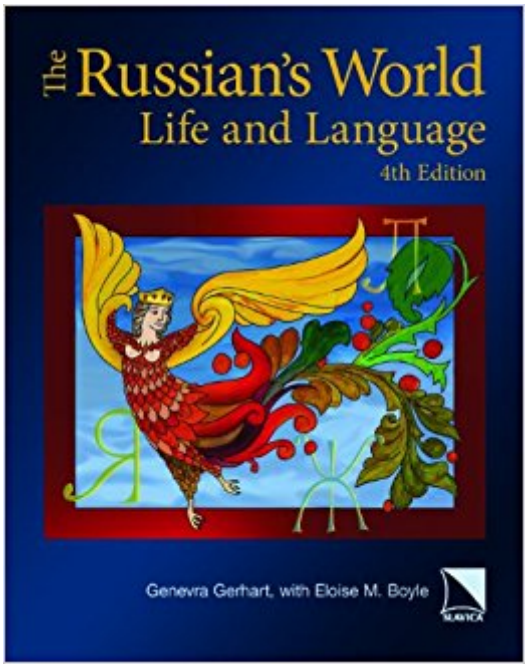
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Genevra Gerhart writes: I graduated in 1950 with a 'linguistic' major in Russian and thereafter spent an additional year and a half completing the Russian course at L' Ãƒâ cole des langues orientales

vivantes in Paris, France. (More Russian was actually learned at home from my landlady, Mme. Tchebotarevskiy. Monsieur T. was a Paris taxi driver who spoke neither English, nor, for that matter, French.) Then, the U.S. government employed me for two years for my ability to read Russian; and another branch of the same office required my ability to understand spoken Russian for two more years in London. Advanced degrees in Slavic linguistics were not an option in about 1958, so instead I went on to a teaching certificate; and as luck would have it, my first teaching job was in fact at the local university where I discovered that there were many questions yet unanswered by my training or experience. The first edition of Russian's World appeared in 1974. I made trips to Russia in 1967, 1970, 1987, 1991, 1993 and taught (English!) there at both the secondary and college level. Currently, a constant stream of visiting Russians helps keep my Russian au courant. If it really truly matters to you, I can be seen in the Russian's World, 2nd Edition on p. 168 accepting (a little) Russian money. Now, I'm even older, of course, a fact for which I am grateful considering the alternative.

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Previous reviews have covered the ground well. I only wish to emphasize from a translator’s standpoint that this remarkable work is an indispensable adjunct to the currently available selection of Russian-English-Russian dictionaries, which are universally considered to be rather inadequate.I was completely unaware of the existence of this book until I snatched it off the shelf at a used-book store, but now consider it one of my greatest scores in a lifetime of book collecting.

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