



The Year I Was Peter the Great: 1956-Khrushchev, Stalin s Ghost, and a Young American in Russia (Hardback)

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BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, United States, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. A chronicle of the year that changed Soviet Russia-and molded the future path of one of America s pre-eminent diplomatic correspondents.1956 was an extraordinary year in modern Russian history. It was called the year of the thaw --a time when Stalin s dark legacy of dictatorship died in February only to be reborn later that December. This historic arc from rising hope to crushing despair opened with a speech by Nikita Khrushchev, then the unpredictable leader of the Soviet Union. He astounded everyone by denouncing the one figure who, up to that time, had been hailed as a genius, a wizard of communism-Josef Stalin himself. Now, suddenly, this once unassailable god was being portrayed as a madman whose idiosyncratic rule had seriously undermined communism and endangered the Soviet state.This amazing switch from hero to villain lifted a heavy overcoat of fear from the backs of ordinary Russians. It also quickly led to anti-communist uprisings in Eastern Europe, none more bloody and challenging than the one in Hungary, which Soviet troops crushed at year s end.Marvin Kalb, then a young diplomatic attache at the U.S. Embassy in...



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