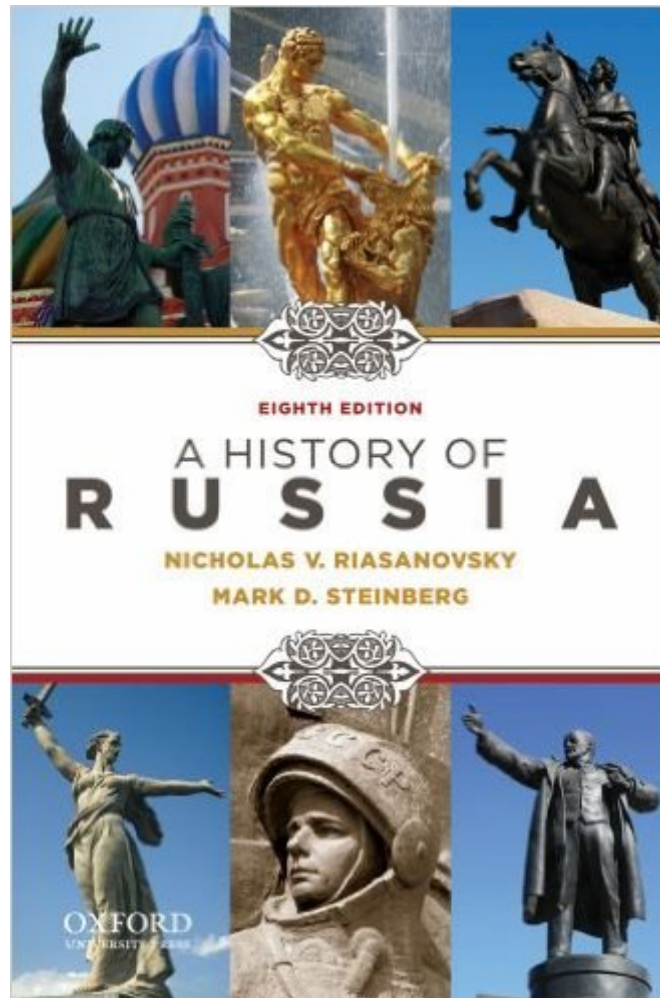




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Risannovsky was one of the greatest master minds when it came to Russian/Soviet history and politics. This book primary focus on medieval/imperial Russia from the beginning taking a lot of it's content from the Russian Chronicles. Despite the books being pretty heavy, the chapters are short and to the point. It's a good book to have on your personal library shelf if you're into Russian history or need extra content for any Russia history course. This book will come in handy as an excellent resource.

From time to time, Riasanovsky might seem a little dry to the casual reader, but this is an excellent rendering of Russian history from the beginning to age of Gorbechov; not only are events recorded, Riasanovsky also records changes in art, economics, and patterns of social thought; he is thorough without overloading the reader and profound in analysis.

Used for two different college Russian history courses. Begins with pre-Russian era (time of the Rus, founding of Kiev) ends with post-Soviet Russian culture & poltics.

I read this in college 30 years ago and it was the best overview of Russian history around. Revised edition is still at the top of the list. Fairly easy read for a text book and recent historical updates are welcome additions. If interested in Russia or going to live there as I did for half a year, it is very worthwhile.

Read this in college originally....enjoyed it more for some reason then. It is a well written book with a good take on Russian History in my opinion.

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