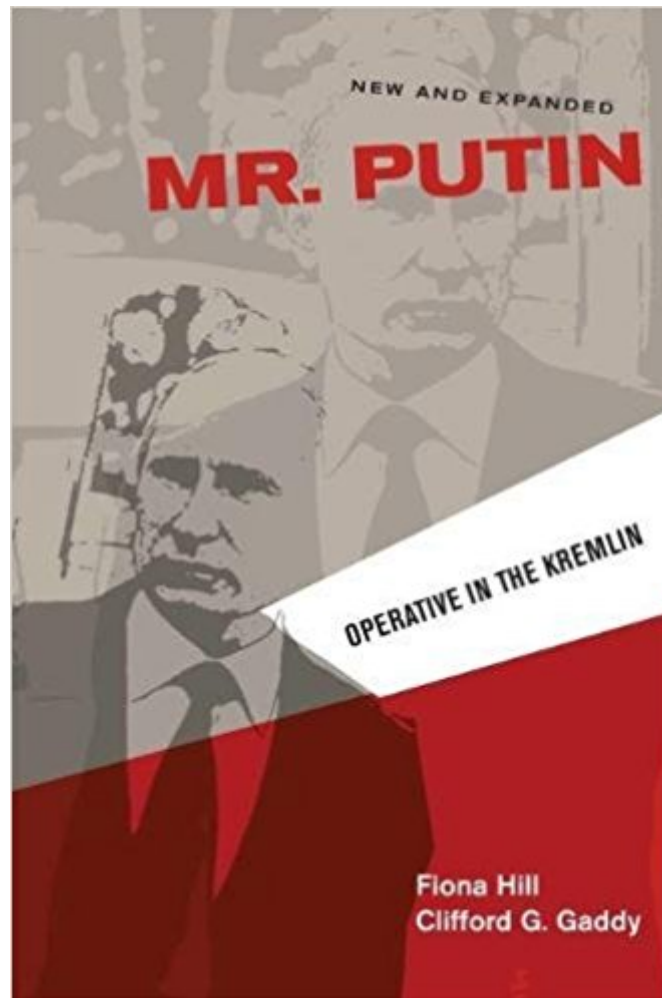




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From the KGB to the Kremlin: a multidimensional portrait of the man at war with the West. Where do Vladimir Putin's ideas come from? How does he look at the outside world? What does he want, and how far is he willing to go? The great lesson of the outbreak of World War I in 1914 was the danger of misreading the statements, actions, and intentions of the adversary. Today, Vladimir Putin has become the greatest challenge to European security and the global world order in decades. Russia's 8,000 nuclear weapons underscore the huge risks of not understanding who Putin is. Featuring five new chapters, this new edition dispels potentially dangerous misconceptions about Putin and offers a clear-eyed look at his objectives. It presents Putin as a reflection of deeply ingrained Russian ways of thinking as well as his unique personal background and experience. Praise for the first edition: If you want to begin to understand Russia today, read this book. "Sir John Scarlett, former chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) For anyone wishing to understand Russia's evolution since the breakup of the Soviet Union and its trajectory since then, the book you hold in your hand is an essential guide." John McLaughlin, former deputy director of U.S. Central Intelligence Of the many biographies of Vladimir Putin that have appeared in recent years, this one is the most useful. "Foreign Affairs This is not just another Putin biography. It is a psychological portrait." The Financial Times Q: Do you have time to read books? If so, which ones would you recommend? "My goodness, let's see. There's Mr. Putin, by Fiona Hill and Clifford Gaddy. Insightful." Vice President Joseph Biden in Joe Biden: The Rolling Stone Interview.

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-Political Studies Review

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A must read for Western political leaders and those who follow politics and world events. The authors present a compelling analysis of Putin and why he does what he does. Facts are followed by analysis and insights, presenting all the complexities that is the Russian president. Excellent book and put worth the read.

a bit dry and wonky

Still reading but enjoying the insights into the current Russian leadership as well as their historical backgrounds.

I have had an interest in Russia ever since I travelled there last year. This book certainly gives a very insightful view of Kremlin politics and into the mind of Vladimir Putin. I have become much more informed by this particular book than any I have read so far on Russia and Putin.

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Read this book. Reading it and then looking at the past (and present actions) of Putin and you will see how it is all very, and often scarily, accurate.

Deep and analytical insight in Putin's psyche and background. Many facts unknown or long forgotten. The book is a bit too academic and too dry for its subject. Very often it is hard to catch authors intentions. Sometimes it looks like they strive to be impartial, next page they speak as they were Putin himself, next they criticize him, but rather cautiously. For me the main thing about Putin is that he is the Man of the Past. The book confirms my view, but without any attempt of moral judgment. I think it would be quite appropriate in this case

By the end of each chapter I became increasingly empathetic to Russia's desire to once again become a beacon for self sustainability in a global and interconnected economy. I challenge you to read all 14 chapters and still be of the opinion that Mr. Putin should be considered less than a Comrad, and that there is no path for which a shared strategic plan for peace cannot be developed and implemented between our two nations. Bottom line, he's a man seeking to lead his country the only way his country can be lead, and if we were to have scrutinized many of our greatest leaders with the veracity that we scrutinize Mr. Putin we would in fact have no faith in the history of our great nation. Great read !!!

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