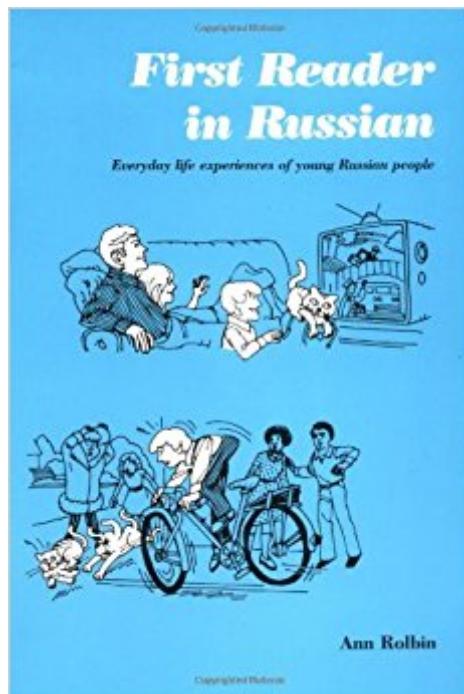


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Customer Reviews

I used to teach English as a foreign language and during that time I learned how difficult it is to create a decent learner's text. You need enough variety and enough storyline context to keep the reader's attention while simultaneously reinforcing key words and grammatical constructions. At the beginner level you also need to avoid colloquialisms and odd constructions. This wonderful little book is very well structured indeed and is a great first step for anyone wanting to move beyond the "teach yourself Russian in 30 lessons" stage. It starts out simply and by the end you're reading enough Russian to get through about 25% of a typical newspaper or magazine, which is pretty good for this level. Some reviewers have commented that the book doesn't really convey accurately life in Russia, and while this is true I think it completely misses the point. This is, after all, just a stepping-stone along the road to acquiring the language and a better feeling for the culture. I speak French fluently but I don't expect the Tintin stories I read to my children to prepare them for the reality of French daily life. In fact, if I didn't make a habit of reading French news online and talking to French friends regularly, I'm sure I'd fail to notice the various changes that occur in France between my fairly regular visits. No entry-level text is going to prepare the reader for the grim reality of Putin's Russia; but this marvelous little book does actually help you to learn enough vocabulary to

get around, ask questions, and understand what people tell you in response. I have struggled through several other supposedly beginner-level Russian texts and the worst are those written by Russians (there's too much childish quasi-language along the cutie-wootsie model).

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