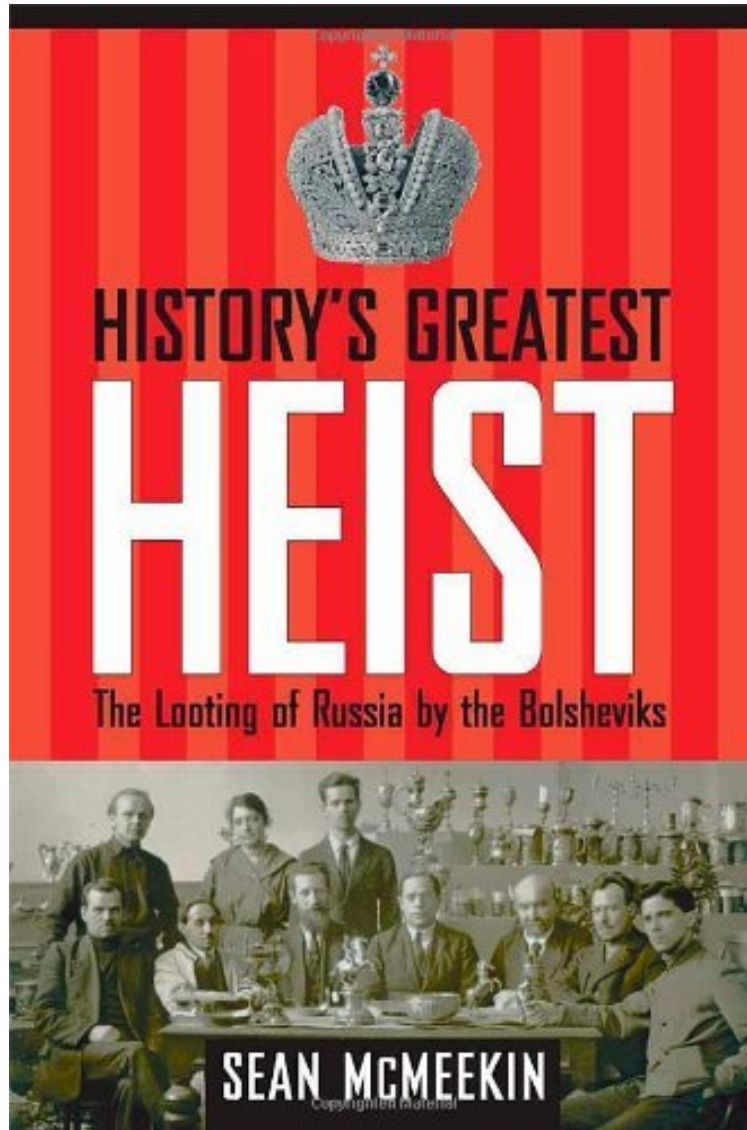


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting, but not too detailedVon M. SchweigerMcMeekin provides an eloquently told narrative on what happend to Russia's wealth after the revolutionaries got in a position to thoroughly loot the country and deprive it (and its

population) of its cultural heritage. Unfortunately the book is less scholarly written than it ought to be. The author does not take stock at the beginning of the revolution (i.e. how much wealth was there, how it was allocated to the various classes of society etc) and then traces what happened with all the wealth but rather limits the story to certain aspects (breaking up of deposits, exporting of gold and 'gold laundering' by Sweden and others). Thus comprehensiveness is sacrificed for a thrilling narrative - one can live with that but if more information is desired other sources need to be taken into consideration.

Kurzbeschreibung Historians have never resolved a central mystery of the Russian Revolution: How did the Bolsheviks, despite facing a world of enemies and leaving nothing but economic ruin in their path, manage to stay in power through five long years of civil war? In this penetrating book, Sean McMeekin draws on previously undiscovered materials from the Soviet Ministry of Finance and other European and American archives to expose some of the darkest secrets of Russia's early days of communism. Building on one archival revelation after another, the author reveals how the Bolsheviks financed their aggression through astonishingly extensive thievery. Their looting included everything from the cash savings of private citizens to gold, silver, diamonds, jewelry, icons, antiques, and artwork. By tracking illicit Soviet financial transactions across Europe, McMeekin shows how Lenin's regime accomplished history's greatest heist between 1917 and 1922 and turned centuries of accumulated wealth into the sinews of class war. McMeekin also names names, introducing for the first time the compliant bankers, lawyers, and middlemen who, for a price, helped the Bolsheviks launder their loot, impoverish Russia, and impose their brutal will on millions.