**Global Forum Book Club**

Further Reading for *All the Kremlin’s Men*

If you want to read more about the oligarchs

***Once Upon a Time in Russia* by Ben Mezrich:**

The story of how the oligarchs gained power after the collapse of the Soviet Union and how they interact with the state today. Mezrich tells the stories of Berezovsky and Abramovich, as well as the broader story of the oligarchs and Putin.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/23846393-once-upon-a-time-in-russia>

If you want to read the final account of a famous Russian journalist

***A Russian Diary* by Anna Politkovskaya:**

The final work by Anna Politkovskaya, a renowned Russian journalist who often took an oppositional stance to Putin and was killed in 2006 on Putin’s birthday. This book details the rise of Putin, “the fall of democracy in Russia,” and the Beslan Hostage Crisis. Great for insight into the media in Russia.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/534686.A_Russian_Diary>

If you want to read more about how Russians see their government

***Putin Country* by Anne Garrels:**

Garrels spent much of the past couple of decades in the industrial city of Chelyabinsk getting to know its people. This is the story of what she terms “middle Russia”: Putin’s power base. She interviews people from many walks of life to show how many Russians view their government today.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/26156793-putin-country>

If you want a more focused look at Putin’s rise to power

***The Man Without a Face* by Masha Gessen:**

An opposition activist in Russia, Gessen tells the story of the unexpected rise of Putin. She follows his story from Yeltsin’s successor to the face of a new Russia, to a crusher of opposition. She uses history, inside sources, and her own experiences to tell this story. Similar in scope to Zhygar’s book, but with more of a focus on Putin himself.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12382651-the-man-without-a-face?from_search=true>

If you want to read about the sanctions and recent U.S.-Russia tensions

***Red Notice* by Bill Browder:**

The story of the Magnitsky Act sanctions as told by the man who lobbied for them. Bill Browder is a U.S. businessman who partnered with and befriended Sergei Magnitsky, a Russian investor who was tortured and killed for refusing to pay bribes to Russian officials. Browder tells his story and the fight for harsher sanctions that he took up afterward.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22609522-red-notice>

If you want the story from the man himself

***First Person* by Vladimir Putin:**

A bit dated (2000), this is Putin’s official autobiography (told through a series of interviews) where he talks about his life up to taking power. It’s been described by some as “frank” and honest. I won’t personally vouch for its accuracy, but it may be an interesting look into how Putin thinks.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/331323.First_Person>