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something that suits your preference. But there's a problem. Many famous Russian novels are actually infamous for their many, many pages - wading through the four volumes of Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace is a real challenge; many end up hating Tolstoy, Russian classics, and themselves. There is a way out - starting with something else a bit lighter,
which does not mean worse. Here's a list of works that show the skill of Russian authors, without weighing you down with pages and pages of condensed text. 1. Evenings on a Farm near Dikanka (Nikolai Gogol, 1832)A collection of short stories written by a young Gogol, one of the wittiest Russian authors, immerses the reader into the colorful and
warm world of 19th-century Ukraine (back then a part of the Russian Empire). The tales are based on the Ukrainian folklore Gogol knew so well. It's pure fantasy and very funny - in Christmas Eve, a brave Cossack saddles up the devil and flies to St. Petersburg just to get the Empress' shoes his lover asked for. Sometimes the narrative is more
horrifying than Stephen King's novels; take A Terrible Vengeance, in which the heroine discovers that her father is the Antichrist. One thing all eight stories have in common - they're never boring. 2. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov, 1840) Lermontov of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 2. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 3. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 3. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 3. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 4. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they're never boring. 4. A Hero of Our Time (Mikhail Lermontov) and they are the are they are the are they are the are they are they are they are they are they are they ar
Hero of Our Time's plot takes place in the Caucasus, a wild frontier of the Russian Empire, so it's like a Russian western, where the protagonist adventure-seeking officer Grigory Pechorin faces endless dangers. At the same time, Pechorin's main enemy is himself. Lermontov brilliantly portrays the misanthropic and cold nature of a man destroying there are not contained by the c
lives of the others - and his own. The psychological deepness and romantic settings of the Caucasus, together with the complicated structure full of flashbacks give us a novel that has won the imagination of Russians since middle school - which is quite rare, to be honest.3. Anton Chekhov's 'Little Trilogy': The Man in the Case - Gooseberries - About
Love (1898)Anton Chekhov, who mostly wrote short stories and plays, had two features that distinguish him from other Russia writers: a light, ironic sense of humor, and brevity. You can read the three stories on a rainy day. Each story
contains sad philosophical thought about human nature, their feelings, and weaknesses. Chekhov doesn't give you any answers yet it's hard to stop thinking on the matters he outlines in his short masterpieces. 4. Father Sergius (Leo Tolstoy, 1898) Nowhere near as famous as War and Peace or Anna Karenina, and far shorter, this story marks the point
Tolstoy turned his attention to short stories focused on philosophy, as opposed to his epic writings on Russian society. The protagonist of Father Sergius, a young bon vivant, finds God after a serious shock and dedicates his life to becoming a saint. It seems that he succeeds - but deep inside, still suffers from hidden sins and doubts. We won't tell you
how this story ends - let's just say Father Sergius irritated the Russian Orthodox Church so badly that the state only allowed it to be published after Leo Tolstoy died in 1911.5. The Twelve Chairs (Ilya Ilf and Evgeny Petrov, 1928) This young Soviet writing duo from Odessa (now Ukraine) created one of the funniest satire novels in Russian history. In
the 1920s, the Soviet authorities had prevailed in Russia but the country was still quite a mess. With these circumstances as the backdrop, the story focuses on an indecisive descendant of a noble family treasure. It's hidden in one of 12 chairs once the story focuses on an indecisive descendant of a noble family treasure.
furnished a mansion, but has now been sold at auction. Kisa and Ostap don't know which chair they need so they roam around Southern Russia tricking furniture sellers. The people they meet are often crazy, which makes this journey hilarious for the reader. The finale of this light fiction, however, is much darker than expected. If using any of
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once you're in, it's hard to look away. You'll find yourself questioning your own sense of right and wrong, and the emotional weight can be heavy, but the psychological complexity makes it incredibly engaging. If you love epic love stories, Anna
 Karenina might be your best entry into Russian literature. Tolstoy weaves together the lives of several characters, but at the heart of it is the tragic love affair between Anna and Count Vronsky. This is not just a romance novel, though. It's a critique of Russian society, an exploration of morality, and a reflection on the human condition. Tolstoy diverging the control of the second control of the human condition.
deep into the inner lives of his characters, making them feel incredibly real. Why it's a good starting point: While Tolstoy's novels are famously long, Anna Karenina's focus on love and relationships makes it relatable. It's a story about human flaws, societal expectations, and the struggle between personal desire and duty. Pro Tip: Don't get
overwhelmed by the length. Focus on the characters and their relationships—Tolstoy's portrayal of emotion is incredibly nuanced and worth every page. 3. For the Short Story writers of all time, and The Lady with the Dog is a perfect
introduction to his work. The story centers around a brief love affair between two married people, but it's so much more than that. Chekhov's writing is subtle, filled with quiet emotional depth and an understanding of the complexities of human nature. Why it's a good starting point: Chekhov's stories are short but impactful. If you're someone who
loves character-driven stories and is looking for a quick read that still leaves you thinking, this is a great entry point into Russian literature. Pro Tip: Chekhov's strength lies in his ability to capture the small moments of life that reveal larger truths. Don't rush through his stories—take time to reflect on what's left unsaid. Turgenev's Fathers and
Sons is the perfect novel if you're interested in understanding the cultural and generation. It's a novel about change—personal, societal, and political. And while it deals with complex ideas, Turgenev's prose
is accessible, making this a great starting point for those who want to understand the dynamics of Russian society through literature. Why it's a good starting point: Fathers and Sons introduces you to the ideological debates that shaped 19th-century Russia, but in a way that feels personal and relevant. The clash between tradition and progress is a
theme that resonates in any era. Pro Tip: Pay attention to the philosophical debates in the novel, but don't let them overshadow the personal relationships. Turgenev's characters are incredibly human, and their emotional journeys are just as important as their intellectual ones. If you're more into poetry, Alexander Pushkin's Eugene Onegin is a must-
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long. And let's be frank: When you start describing books as complex, difficult, and long, you're probably referring to Russian author Leo Tolstoy is often used as generic shorthand for an extremely long novel. You don't need to have read the book to get the reference. And
yet, you should read the book. This list of must-read Russian literature includes plenty of the classics from the 19th century, but there are also examples from the 20th and 21st centuries—and they're all books that you really, really should read. The argument over which novel is Dostoevsky's greatest can stretch out to insane lengths, but "The
Brothers Karamazov" is always in the running. Is it complicated? Yes, there are a lot of fun, which often gets forgotten when people discuss the amazing way Dostoevsky combines philosophical themes with some of the best-drawn
characters ever put to page. Something often misunderstood by Western readers is how the past informs Russia's present; it's a nation that can trace many of its current attitudes, problems, and culture back centuries to the time of the Tsars and the serfs. Sorokin's novel follows a government official through a day of standard terror and despair in a
future where the Russian Empire has been restored, a concept that resonates powerfully with modern-day Russians. Dostoevsky's other incredible classic is a deep-dive study of Russian society that remains surprisingly timely and eternally genius. Dostoevsky set out to explore what he saw as the inherent brutality of Russia, telling the story of a man
who commits murder simply because he believes it to be his destiny—then slowly goes mad from guilt. More than a century later, it's still a powerful reading experience. Grushin's novel doesn't get the same attention as, say, "1984," but it's just as horrifying in the way it outlines what it's like to live in a dystopian dictatorship. Sukhanov, once a rising
artist, gives up his ambitions to toe the Communist Party line and survive. In 1985, an old man who has achieved survival via invisibility and strict adherence to the rules, his life is an empty shell devoid of meaning—a ghostly existence where he cannot recall anyone's name because it simply doesn't matter. From its evergreen opening line about
happy and unhappy families, Tolstoy's novel about the romantic and political entanglements of three couples remains remarkably fresh and modern. Partly, this is due to the universal themes of social change and how people react to changing expectations—something that will always be meaningful to people of any era. And partly it's due to the
fundamental focus the novel has on matters of the heart. Whichever aspect attracts you, this dense but beautiful novel is well worth exploring. This intense and powerful story is presented as a diary or journal found after the death of Anna Andrianovna, detailing her increasingly grim and desperate struggle to hold her family together and support
them despite their incompetence, ignorance, and lack of ambition. This is a story of modern Russia that starts depressing and gets worse from there, but along the way illuminates some fundamental truths about family and self-sacrifice. You can't really discuss Russian literature without mentioning Tolstoy's masterpiece. Modern readers often forget
(or never knew) that this novel was an explosive event in literature, an experimental work that shattered many previous rules concerning what was or wasn't allowed. You might think this story set during and after the Napoleonic War—a war that saw Moscow come this close to being seized by the French dictator—is
an example of stodgy old literature, but you couldn't be more wrong. It remains a bracingly inventive book that has influenced almost every major novel written since. If you think that Russian literature is all 19th-century ballrooms and old-fashioned speech patterns, you're not looking closely enough. Tolstaya's epic work of science fiction is set in the
future after "The Blast" destroyed nearly everything—and turned a small number of survivors into immortals who are the only ones who remember the world before. It's a fascinating and powerful work of ideas that illuminates not just how Russians see the future, but how they see the present. There's something primal and universal in this story of a
successful and respected government official who begins to experience an inexplicable pain and slowly realizes he is dying. Tolstoy's unflinching eye follows Ivan Ilyich through his journey from mild irritation to concern to denial, and finally acceptance, all without ever understanding why it is happening to him. It's the sort of story that stays with you
forever. If you're looking to understand Russian culture in any sense, you can start here. Gogol's story concerns an official in the late Tsarist era tasked with traveling from estate to estate investigating dead serfs (the souls of the title) who are still listed on the paperwork. Concerned with what Gogol saw as the terminal decline of Russian life at the
time (just a few decades before the revolution that destroyed the status quo), there's a lot of ink-black humor and a revelatory look at what life was like in Russia before the modern age. Consider this: Bulgakov knew he could be arrested and executed for writing this book, and yet he wrote it anyway. He burned the original in terror and despair, then
re-created it. When it was finally published, it was so censored and edited it barely resembled the actual work. And yet, despite the fearful and claustrophobic circumstances of its creation, "The Master and Margarita" is a darkly comical work of genius, the sort of book where Satan is a main character but all you remember is the talking cat. Like
many works of Russian literature, Turgenev's novel is concerned with the changing times in Russia, and the widening generational divide between, yes, fathers and sons. It's also the book that brought the concept of nihilism to the forefront, as it traces the younger characters' journey from a knee-jerk rejection of traditional morals and religious
concepts to a more mature consideration of their possible value. Really a poem, but a remarkably complex and lengthy poem, "Eugene Onegin" offers a bleak view of how society produces monsters by rewarding cruelty and selfishness. While the complicated rhyme scheme (and the fact that it's a poem at all) might be initially off-putting, Pushkin
masterfully pulls it off. If you give the story half a chance, you quickly forget about the formal oddities and get sucked into the story of a bored aristocrat in the early 19th century whose self-absorption causes him to lose out on the love of his life. Russia, as with most empires, was a country composed of many different ethnic and racial groups, but
most famous Russian literature comes from a more homogeneous demographic. That alone makes this novel, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1965, a must-read; telling the story of Cossacks called up to fight in World War I and later the revolution, it offers an outsider's perspective on both that is thrilling and educational. A searing
indictment of the aristocracy of 19th century Russia, the title character is so lazy he barely makes it out of bed before you're well into the book. Hilarious and filled with smart observations, the most striking aspect of Oblomov the character is so lazy he barely makes it out of bed before you're well into the book. Hilarious and filled with smart observations, the most striking aspect of Oblomov that character is so lazy he barely makes it out of bed before you're well into the book. Hilarious and filled with smart observations, the most striking aspect of Oblomov that character is so lazy he barely makes it out of bed before you're well into the book.
be a triumph of self-actualization. You won't read another novel like this one. Everyone is familiar with the basic plot of this book, still often considered pornographic or at least morally bankrupt today. What's fascinating about this story of a pedophile and the insane lengths he goes to possess a young girl he nicknames Lolita is how it offers insight
into how Russians saw the rest of the world, especially America, while also being a brilliant novel whose uncomfortable subject matter resonates and disturbs precisely because it's easy to imagine it happening. A play and not a novel, and yet reading Chekhov's "Uncle Vanya" is almost as good as watching it performed. The story of an elderly man and
his young, alluring second wife visiting the country farm that supports them (with the secret intention of selling it and turning the titular brother-in-law who runs the estate out) is, at first blush, ordinary and even soap opera-ish. The examination of personalities and vanities leads to a failed murder attempt and a sad, contemplative ending that
explains why this play continues to be staged, adapted, and referenced today. Hindsight is 20/20, as the saying goes. In 1905 there was an uprising and attempted revolution in Russia that didn't quite succeed, though it did force the Tsar to compromise on several issues and thus set the stage for the weakened empire's fall. Gorky explores those
fragile years before the end of the monarchy from the point of view of those who supported the revolution, not knowing where it would lead them—because none of us, in the moment, can know where our actions lead. Sometimes considered an outlier, Pasternak's novel is two things at once: a mesmerizing love story set against a truly epic historical
background and a perceptive and well-observed look at the Russian Revolution from a remove. The clear-eyed, objective way Pasternak depicts the novel had to be smuggled out of the U.S.S.R. to be published, and remains today both a
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Patriotic songs. Also, I have been recently falling into a rabbit hole of Russian Cold War spy movies. All in the name of learning Russian, of course. So, I'd suggest obsessing away on Russian pop, rock, or rap (or even join the Cold War comrade club). You can always indulge yourself with movies like Ivan the Terrible (1945), Brother (1997), Russian
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that, you will get a short quiz, to see if you understood the story well enough. Even though the title states 'for beginners', it's not good for complete beginners. I do recommend that you already know approximately 200+ words in Russian before getting this book. Otherwise, you will need to constantly look up basic words, and that can get you out of them.
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the story of Artyom, who grew up living in the Moscow metro. When he was just a child, there was a nuclear war that covered the world in dangerous radiation. The only place where people survived was in the deep Moscow metro. It's a fascinating fiction story, and it will take you on a dark adventure throughout the underground of Moscow. It's
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good book to begin with is a Russian alphabet book («A36yκa»). These books typically feature large, clear letters with simple words and pictures to help beginners learn the alphabet and can be understood easily by beginners. They often
include illustrations, making it easier to understand the context of the story. These are also great for learning cultural elements of the language, ideal for those at an A1-A2 level. The book's conversational tone makes it easier for learners to follow, while also
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he talks about his life - neighbours, friends, family, all the things they get up to on a daily basis. He also asks questions about life in America. It's nice and simple for Russian. Useful stuff! Okay, romantics... here's a book for you: a
Russian classic of romance and adventure at sea. By Alexandr Grin (adapted by Olesya Baltak) This is a beautiful Russian story - the kind that both kids and adults can enjoy. Arthur Grey is a boy from a rich family who dreams of becoming a sea captain. Assol is a sailor's daughter who is ostracized by her village because of her father's actions - justified
actions, as you'll find out. Anyway, their paths intersect in a story about dreams coming true, no matter how silly or futile. The story is narrated by an old man who dreams that someday a ship under scarlet sails will come to take the girl away. Quite a change from all the revolutionary tales from Russia - but sometimes we need an imaginary world, too,
don't we? Apparently even the Soviet censors loved this book - interesting! It was also made into a ballet, and in St Petersburg there's a massive Scarlet Sails celebration each year. Next up, you simply have to read at least one Russian classic, so I found this one that's been adapted for elementary readers. By A S Pushkin (adapted by Olesya Baltak) Yes,
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and "after-reading" exercises - useful to get your bearings and then reinforce what you learned at the end. Speaking of mystical things, have you ever heard of this Russian folklore: Baba Yaga! She's an old lady who lives deep
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genres, from science fiction and crime to history and thriller. It's a lot of fun to read and you'll pick up tonnes of useful new vocabulary. I wrote this book especially to help improve your Russian comprehension, because yeah - I know how hard it is in the beginning! And if you love the beginner book, there's also an Intermediate one. Similar to these is
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do?If you're tired of folk tales and history, here's something modern for you...By Ignaty DiakoyThe title translates as "The Story Sensation" - it's part of a series of 3 rather unconventional Russian textbooks. They're fun detective stories written in contemporary language that's conversational and witty - no, nothing boring about them! The story follows
a Guadeloupean banker named George who embarks on a journey leading to a series of very peculiar events. The various characters come from different cultural backgrounds and they meet up in Guadeloupe, Russia and Europe. They lead normal lives, but also fight the world's evil, of course! For the final book, I want to add something a bit different
that you may find useful.Red Kalinka is a Russian school based in Málaga, Spain and they produce their own self-published reading material. What you get here is a series of graded books that include Russian texts with translations in English, as well as audios on CD, so you can read and listen at the same time. What I like about these is that they
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