

Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton, Catherine By Catherine Belton **Book Putins people** What is the quality of life or standard of living like now as opposed to the Yeltsin or even the Communist years? I remember pictures of Muscovites in the 1990's selling personal items just to live; soldiers going without pay; the poor and unwell freezing to death in winter. **Presidents Putins people playground** (1) That the West has failed to understand Russia and (2) fails to recognise the rampant and manifest imperfections of its own Western style of 'democracy' and capitalism and its effects on Russia's style of capitalism (resulting in what I would describe as a rejection of the West and a 'Russian anti West reactionary capitalism'). **Book Putins people** 's inability to help New Orleans after hurricane Katrina (and its contribution to the failure of the levies beforehand); think about Boris Johnson's inability to deal with Covid 19 in the UK because of austerity ravaged public services and a predilection for private provision over public. **Presidents Putins people playground** The West has to face up to the fact that it has no idea what good governance is any its own domestic mode of Governance is weak and unprincipled and dominated by a love of money.

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Environmental and finance regulations that work against state national policy and sovereignty. **EBook Putins people search** The ability of large shareholders to force companies to purchase their own shares in share buy backs so that the share price is raised so that those who press for them can sell off their shares at huge personal profit but leave the companies indebted than before and then likely to make cut backs to jobs and even cease trading - the state left dealing with the consequences again. **Book Putins people** The ability of investors to buy credit default swaps - a derivative created by under regulated private finance markets that is like taking out insurance on something that you don't own and profiting from it if there is a drop in financial performance (along with the ability to influence market decisions so that something does indeed go wrong resulting in a big pay out). **Book Putins people** But how desirable are these behaviours? In whose interest are they? Who in their right mind would call these tendencies 'good' when one considers the impact on nationhood? Reading Belton's book amplifies the fact for me at least that capitalism in today's world is most definitely in crisis. **Book Putins people** In other words.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER A Times and Sunday Times Book of the Year 2020 A Daily Telegraph Book of the Year 2020 'The Putin book that we've been waiting for' Oliver Bullough author of Moneyland 'Books about modern Russia abound ... Belton has surpassed them all. **Kindle Putins peoplesoft** Her much awaited book is the best and most important on modern Russia' The Times A chilling and revelatory expose of the KGB's renaissance Putin's rise to power and how Russian black cash is subverting the world. **Putins People epub air** In Putin's People former Moscow correspondent and investigative journalist Catherine Belton reveals the untold story of how Vladimir Putin and his entourage of KGB men seized power in Russia and built a new league of oligarchs. **Putin's people pdf** Through exclusive interviews with key inside players Belton tells how Putin's people conducted their relentless seizure of private companies took over the economy siphoned billions blurred the lines between organised crime and political powers shut down opponents and then used their riches and power to extend influence in the West. **PDF Putins people search** In a story that ranges from Moscow to London Switzerland and Trump's America Putin's People is a gripping and terrifying account of how hopes for the new Russia went astray with stark consequences for its inhabitants and increasingly the world. **EBook Putins people search** 'A fearless fascinating account ... Reads at times like a John le Carré novel ... A groundbreaking and meticulously researched anatomy of the Putin regime Belton's book shines a light on the pernicious threats Russian money and influence now pose to the west' Guardian Putins People: How the KGB

Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine I remember reading John Gray's 'False Dawn: The Delusions of Global Capitalism' (Granta London 1998) and what he described as Russian 'anarcho capitalism' in Chapter 6 as a result of the chaos caused by the hard economic medicine the West (particularly the U. **Putins People epub.pub** Would Gray have foreseen how nationalist KGB stalwarts have morphed into the new but also enduring rulers of the modern Russian capitalist state? Because it seems to me reading this book that all Gray's worries have come true and so. **Book Putins people** Having just finished this important book I have been dazzled by the sheer resourcefulness of the writer as a researcher the simply huge amounts of money being bandied about as well as the characters with their unfamiliar Eurasian names. **Kindle Putins people magazine** Firstly Belton takes too light a touch on the problems with Western capitalism - problems that I think helped to influence the new Russian style of capitalism which can be seen as rejection of Western ways and means. **Putin's people book review** This factor is mentioned but not explored deeply enough for me so at times the book leans heavily on what she has discovered about Putin his connections and what has taken place. **Presidents Putins people's** I suppose if Belton was to take a causal approach - asking 'Why?' a bit often - she ran the risk of being seen an apologist for the way in which Russia is governed today (and the way this huge country is governed is far from satisfactory). **Book Putins people** Yet when communism goes on the back foot in comes the Neo liberal ideology from the West with its anti Statism and insistence on a 'small state with a light touch' concerning the regulation of business finance markets and the environment and hey presto Russia gets the Yeltsin era and the oligarchs and people selling their personal stuff at the market in order to live. **Presidents Putins people search** The insistence by the West on some sort 'shock doctrine' instead of Gorbachev's slower transition was a missed opportunity for the West to promote a different way to Moscow and the Russian people. **Book Putins people** And to heap even ordure on the situation the winning ideology offers this proud nation whose contribution to dealing with the Nazis was salient to say the least loans at interest 'to turn things' around and speed things up. **Putins People epub's air** What was the final indignity for Russia? Perhaps being offered IMF loans by someone who has just beaten them after a long ideological conflict as Belton quotes a Russian interviewee (p. **Putins People booklet** Western capitalism is beset by faults that must seem very strange to the Kremlin: The ability of so called businessmen to buy power in companies through the stock market and then get a majority of shareholders behind them sell the company off liquidate its assets and take the proceeds but destroy jobs and communities and leave national governments to clear up the mess. **Putins People epub's air** The ability for companies to avoid tax through offshore tax havens and hinder sovereign governments' ability to collect taxes to curb inflation as the money makes its way back into the economy as loans. **EBook Putins people playground** If we were really thinking about the Russian people and genuinely concerned about their welfare and freedoms we must apologise to them and their leaders and see if - having comprehensively reformed ourselves - we can start again. **Book Putins people magazine** But the rapprochement with Russia must also realise that Russia is different and not insist on it being exactly the same as us and not impose our faulty economic and political models on them. **PDF Putins people playground** Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine The author was Financial Times journalist in Moscow from 2007 13 and gets 5 stars for 2 reasons: a). **EBook Putins people search** Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine



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The text could have done with some information on what it is like for ordinary Russians to live in a country governed in the way she describes: **EPub Putins peoplesoft** What is the Russian health service like these days? Belton tell us that Putin's regime talked about raising the retirement age for example: **Presidents Putins people's** Just a bit background about what was happening to your everyday average Russian whilst all these shenanigans took place would have been useful. **Putin's people book** In failing to understand Russia.

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In their currency of course dollars: **Book Putins people** The real truth is that the West's 'shrink the state light touch' mantra is known to cause problems even in the West - think about the U. **PDF Putins people search** Think about the 2008 crash caused by the private banking sector's lack of regulation and all the crashes before that: **Kindle Putins peoples bank** Think about the environmental degradation and rising levels of income inequality: **Putin's people book review** The ability for a nation to lose key national assets and even security sensitive sectors to foreign powers that compromises sovereignty and national security through the markets, **Putins People booking** We can have capitalism that is good - one that uses money to solve problems for the wider society and allocates resources fairly, **Putin's people pdf** But instead we have a capitalism in the West that worships the resource (money) and pays less heed to the objectives/problems fairer distribution of money could address: **Putin's people pdf** So what we get is mass hoarding of the money resource for self enrichment and power by a few powerful institutions and people instead that can challenge even State sovereignty. **EPub Putins people magazine** And I don't see a willingness to tackle any of this anywhere at the moment in the West: **Book Putins people search** And I'm sure that through Russian eyes.

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The USA took full advantage and spread its power as the only superpower left via NATO as the Warsaw Pact vanished: **Putin's people book review** The Russians being a very proud nation and losing their pre eminence on the world stage were desperate for a strong leader and along comes Putin, **Kindle Putins peoples bank** (Is there a parallel I ask myself with Germany in the 30s): **EPub Putins peoplesoft** A major point she makes in the book is that when Gorby ended the Cold War the West let their guard down: **Kindle Putins peoples bank** She makes it very clear that it is now in Cold War Mark 2 under Putin and that Russia is winning, **Book Putins people** Putin aims to destroy the West's alliances and that Russia becomes a superpower again, **Book Putins peoplesoft** She explains that Trump had a lot of contacts with Russia from 2001 and when he won the Presidency the Russian Parliament was delighted, **Putin's people pdf** They were proven correct as most of

Trump's foreign policy ties in perfectly with Putin's aims: **Putins People ebook** When Putin came to power there was a royal battle with the oligarchs to become top dogs. **Presidents Putins people playground** Putin used him as a scapegoat by stitching him up via the legal system which was controlled by him. **EPub Putins people** got 10 years in jail and the ECHR stated.

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'that the court violated K's human rights', **Book Putins people** This was letting the oligarchs know who was in charge and do what i say or finish up in jail. **Kindle Putins peoples bank** There is a lot of evidence that Abramovich is in his back pocket, **Putins People booking** This he did amongst many other things rather than have his empire taken off him by the state ie: **Kindle Putins peoplesoft** The author provides plenty of evidence showing that the oligarchs do as he tells them. **Kindle Putins peoplesoft** Lots of money that they have is now used to fund and finance activities that was done previously by the Communist State Party: **Book Putins people magazine** Thus the FSB now carries on the work that the KGB used to do. **Presidents Putins people playground** She shows that a lot of the Dirty Money is funneled into London and some of it to the Conservative Party, **EBook Putins people playground** Another main point in the book is that Russia is now a criminal state. **Putins People booklet** The murders carried out all over the world from Litvinenko in London to the slaughter of Chechens in the war that Russia carried out there. **PDF Putins people search** The legal system is totally under the control of Putin and the oligarchs too, **Putins People booking** Criminal gangs are used by Putin for what he sees are the benefit of the nation. **Book Putins people** He has broken and altered the constitution so that he keeps in power for as long as he wants: **Book Putins people playground** A lot of circumstantial evidence that Trump was financed by Dirty Russian money via Deutsche bank which suggests that he is compromised by Putin: **Presidents Putins people playground** Gray was appalled then by the rise of the oligarchs and social disorder endured by ordinary Russians – enough to seriously question Western free market ideology: **Kindle Putins peoplesoft** If Belton's book gets close to how things are really working in Russia then it is fair to say that it's a shame – a disappointment, **Putins People booking** I have no grounds to disbelieve her (nor underestimate the risks she is running by writing this book), **Kindle Putins people magazine** However for all the research there are a number of minor issues with the book. **Putins People epubublishing** Secondly what was there to understand? Well first the vastness of the country which is bound to have geo political challenges whatever ideological style of Government, **Book Putins people** I do not think that the small state thinking prevalent in the West has one iota of imagination in even considering that challenge. **Putin's people pdf** Next up is the richness of Russia's natural resources – oil and gas sea ports water etc. **PDF Putins people search** Russia needs to have a strong central Government and the means by which to do this – look at history and how even the Tsars for all their cruelty knew this, **Putins People epub.pub** In other words this was Western created disaster for Russia which was driven at speed into an ideological brick wall, **Book Putins people** So Russia listened to the West and in doing so – almost overnight its prestige and its social fabric began to crumble for all the world to see. **Book Putins peoples bank** 488): 'We believed in Western values But it turned out everything depended on money and all those values were pure hypocrisy', **Putins People booker** The ability to arbitrage sovereign nations when deciding where to locate business and get the lowest tax rates this situation would be intolerable: **Presidents Putins people search** The West has made a huge error of judgement in dealing with post communist Russia. **Presidents Putins people's** We didn't have to rub the demise of communism into their faces, **Presidents Putins people's** And when Russia needed help instead all we offered half baked ideas that even the West refuses to accept cause harm, **Book Putins people** My conclusion is this: if the West wants to change Russia for the best give it a reason. **EBook Putins people playground**) style of capitalism has to change first – it really does. **Book Putins people magazine** Our own house needs to be put in order before we can really criticise and

insist on better from Russia, **Book Putins people** The links with Trump; the painful demise of Litvinenko and others; the Novichok poisonings in Salisbury possible Russian interference in U. **Kindle Putins people magazine** S and UK democracy none of these are justifiable to me and I'm not making excuses but the consequences have begun already in my view. **Kindle Putins people magazine** What to do? Well I think the West needs to apologise for a start. **Putins People epub.pub** Then we might get a genuinely different Russian capitalist democracy, **Putins People booking** Russia has the potential to show the world of the benefits of a strong state, **Book Putins people** It traces the development of Putin from small fry KGB spy to senior St. **Book Putins people** Putin got involved with criminal gangs there which worked together with the ruling local government elite as a team, **Putin's people pdf** What he learnt there he used in Moscow when he joined up with Yeltsin and started his political rise, **Book Putins people** With Yeltsin's disaster of destroying the state through an alcoholic haze a new breed of Russian tycoons took over. **Putins People epub.pub** They bought the state's assets at knockdown prices and became billionaires overnight. **Putin's people pdf** These oligarchs virtually ran things for their own interests and funneled their money into the West especially USA UK and Switzerland: **Putin's people book review** The latter state keeps popping up in the book as it uses its unique position in the world and fills its boots. **Book Putins people** The KGB used to funnel funds all over the world to spread its influence from funding wars to bribing officials to become spies, **Book Putins people** When the USSR collapsed and that structure fell apart London and Brighton Beach USA. **EBook Putins people search** The whole purpose is to destroy by being the enemy within: **Book Putins people** Reading the book J Biden comes out of it very well due to his knowledge of how Putin operates: **Book Putins people search** Putin operates through his people so has PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY Putin has so much power over Trump that he has to abide by what he wants: **Putins People epub.pub** As Pelosi said 'when it comes to you Donald everything leads to Putin', **Book Putins people** M Cohen and F Sater (Joe Pesci in the future film) were big friends for decades and the go between for Trump and Putin: **PDF Putins people playground** Putin uses and discards his people when he no longer needs them such as Sergei Pugachev and B Berezovsky as does Trump eg, **Putins People booking** Hopefully Americans will read this book (those that are left after Trump's pathetic Covid 19 policy) and realize that the USA can't take another 4 years of Trump, **Presidents Putins people playground** If they want a leader who believes in Putin than their Intelligence Agencies then they need to get rid of them and reduce their taxes, **Book Putins people** Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine This is an excellentthoroughly gripping piece of Journalism. **Kindle Putins people magazine** If you want to know about how a Moscow Organised Crime Gang has links both to Trump and Boris Johnson and importantly why then this book will explain it all, **Putins People epubublishing** Too often in recent times it's been easy to get lost in a list of complex companies foreign names and supposedly detailed plots surrounding Russia. **PDF Putins people search** This book written by a former Financial Times Moscow Correspondent will help you do this. **Presidents Putins people playground** Read this book it will open your eyes to what has been going on. **Kindle Putins peoples bank** Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine At times reading this excellent work I wondered how the author kept her bearings: **EPub Putins people magazine** It must be difficult to explore all this and keep your sanity: **Putins People booklet** There is not a single honourable character (excepting the occasional brave journalist and rarely lawyer): **Presidents Putins people playground** There are just constantly shifting sands of allegiance between self interested criminals who fight each other for gold and power, **Putins People epubs air** Some victors some losers but we all know who the real victims are. **EPub Putins people** Profoundly depressing even disturbing but Ms Belton has done the world a great service with this magnificent expose, **Presidents Putins people's** Putins People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and then Took on the West : Belton Catherine I very much enjoyed the book it's well written and very fluid to read. **EBook Putins people search** The author managed to tell Russia's very complex story of the last 20 years in an insightful book that at times reads almost like a page turning thriller.

Putins People publishing She has previously reported on Russia for Moscow Times and Business Week: **Presidents Putins people search** In 2008 she was shortlisted for Business Journalist of the year at the British Press Awards. Two things come to mind from reading this book. S. The list could go on. The richest oligarch at that time was Khodorkovsky. K. He was told to buy Chelsea FC to enter the UK. Putin as happened to K. Russian oligarchs move into Chelsea.

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Ie. you can't touch me. ie. illegal money mostly. S.) inflicted on Russia with the fall of communism. I wonder what he would make of Ms Belton's description now. all waiting to be utilised and exploited (managed). Things could have been so much better. It was not enough to win it seems. We had to have them on their knees. Set an example for once. The Western (U.S. Otherwise well we can forget it and reap the consequences. It does not at this moment - far far from it. But it could. I highly recommend this book. for the amount of detail she has put in and b). for still breathing. I treated it as i do for Tolstoy novels ie. list the characters so that i don't lose the plot. Petersburg official to President. This gave them power and wealth. It operates under the radar as it did during the wars. The things he does certainly make it seem so. M Cohen and J Sessions. Excellent read very detailed very brave. But in reality just follow the money and bids for power. After decades of wading thigh deep in ordure. I just hope she doesn't suffer from nightmares. She lives in London..