



MY LIFE WITH BORIS

Naina Yeltsin

Translated by Sheila Fitzpatrick

Selling Points

- First intimate account by the wife of the first president of Russia
- Will throw a new light on the private character of Boris Yeltsin, one of the most important political figures of twentieth-century Russia
- Contains more than 100 photos

In this poignant memoir, Naina Yeltsin, the wife of the first president of Russia, recounts the compelling story of her life, from her earliest childhood memories and the time when she met and became engaged to Boris Yeltsin, her companion of over fifty years, to the birth of her daughters and her experiences as First Lady of Russia.

Always shy of the limelight, and rarely giving interviews when her husband was in office, Naina Yeltsin provides the reader with a glimpse into her personal life, whilst offering at the same time a behind-the-scenes look at the epochal events that unfolded around her, including the first Russian presidential elections, the August 1991 coup and the fall of the USSR. Rich with intimate details and full of anecdotes, *My Life with Boris* is the chronicle of a life lived at the very heart of twentieth-century history.

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About the Author:

Born in Titovka in 1932, Naina Iosifovna Girina married Boris Yeltsin in 1956. They had two daughters, Yelena and Tatyana, and lived together until Boris's death in 2007. *My Life with Boris* is Naina's first book.



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