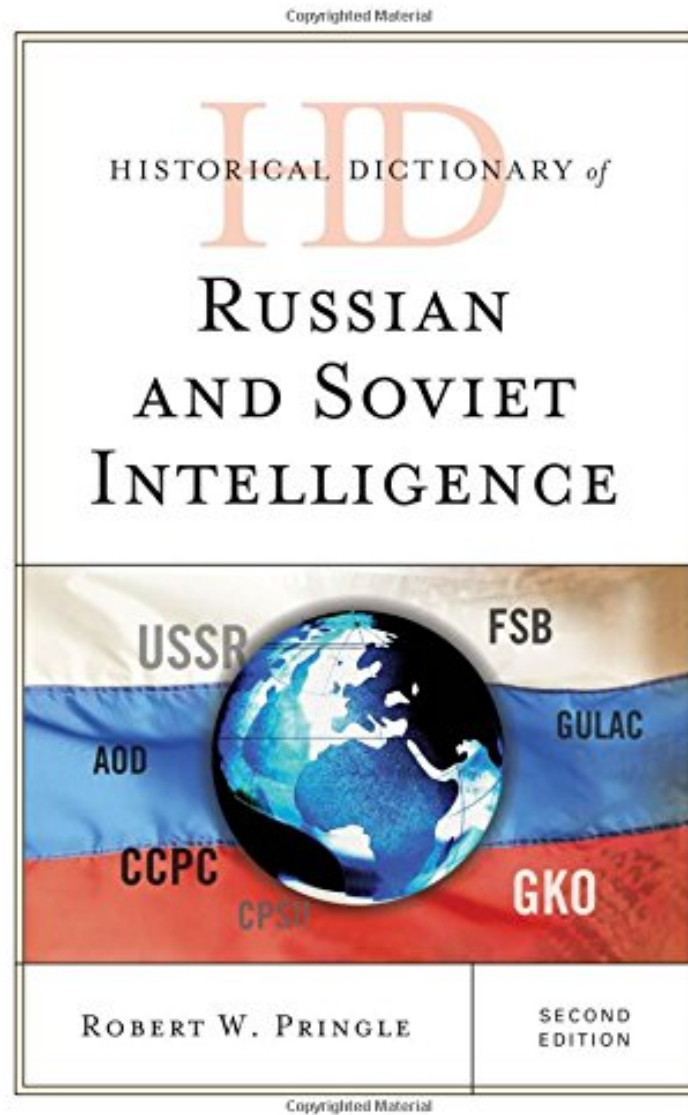


# Historical Dictionary of Russian and Soviet Intelligence (Historical Dictionaries of Intelligence and Counterintelligence)

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Leszek PawlikowiczOK0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Leaves a lot unsaidBy TruthSeekerA dose of cold water compared to other reviews.This book leaves a lot to be desired. There are entries that leave you guessing such as Ivan Pavlovich Abramov - date of birth and death missing - entry says little about him other than he worked for the KGB. So what?Andrew Dalton Lee, an American, is included in the listing for Christopher Boyce instead of in the 'L' section.Boris Nemetsov is mentioned in 'Assassination', but there is no entry for him.Ivan A. Zybin, Russian cryptologist genius is not mentioned.Likewise, there are no entries for Boris Devyatkin, Moishe Stern, Alexander Koral, and many more. In fairness there were and still are thousands of Russian/Soviet spies at work all over the world.Appendix G is a short list of Venona code-names and an example of Soviet encryption methods - would make more sense to separate the two subjects.The bibliography is wonderful as is the author's discussion, but confusing when listed by subject matter.All in all, there is a goldmine of information in these 421 pages and as usual for this particular subject, finding the good nuggets is difficult.

This second edition of Historical Dictionary of Russian and Soviet Intelligence is the only volume that lays out how Russian and Soviet intelligence works and how its operations have impacted Russian history. It covers Russian intelligence from the imperial period to the present focusing in greatest detail on Cold War espionage cases and the Putin-era intelligence community.This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, appendixes, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 600 cross-referenced entries on espionage techniques, categories of agents, crucial operations spies, defectors, moles, and double and triple agents. This book is an excellent access point for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about the Russian Intelligence.

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