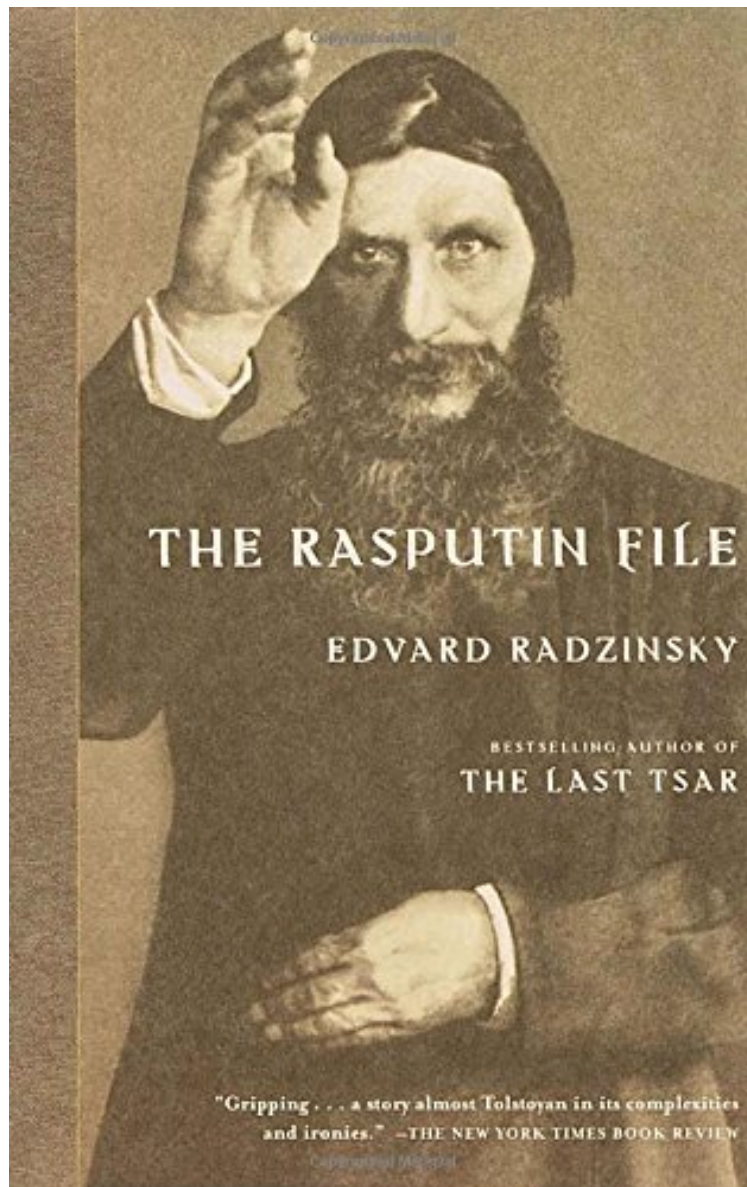


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#392712 in Books Edvard Radzinsky 2001-12-04 2001-12-04 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.09 x 1.16 x 5.681, 1.17 #File Name: 0385489102526 pages Paperback in shades of brown and portrait of Rasputin | File size: 76.Mb

Edvard Radzinsky : The Rasputin File before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rasputin File:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Fascination Examination of Grigori Rasputin from a New

PerspectiveBy Musicals FreakThe author claims that a file of interviews with people who knew Rasputin turned up at auction in the 1990s after being missing for nearly 80 years. The files are heavily quoted in the book, allowing the reader to read the actual words of people who survived the Bolshevik revolution and were interviewed by them, including Rasputin's daughter, Tsaritsa Alexandra's dearest friends Yulia Dehn and Anna Vyubova, Prince Felix Yusupov, Rasputin's housekeeper, and a multitude of other highly placed men and women who made up Rasputin's inner circle at various points in time. Rasputin is portrayed as being even more debauched than in other books I have read on him. He was worse during his last year because he was quite sure that he was going to be murdered. The manner in which he made high society Petrograd ladies aware of their sinfulness is described by his live-in housekeeper. Anna Vyubova is not the dim-witted young woman people thought, but a cunning, power-hungry woman who was more than happy to help the tsaritsa set herself up to run the government while Nikolai II was running WWI from the front. Meanwhile, Rasputin was clever enough to figure out what Alexandra wanted, and so when she wrote letters to the tsar saying that Rasputin was in favor of this or that government appointment, it turns out he was only telling her what she wanted to hear. A number of myths surrounding Rasputin's assassination are debunked as well. The book is a translation from the original Russian, so some of the grammar and sentence construction are a bit off in some places. The Kindle edition also has numerous typographical errors. But the book provides a gripping, new perspective on how influential Rasputin and Vyubova really were. Highly recommended.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Rasputin ... Peasant Rascal?By M. L. GatesAlmost anyone knowledgeable of Russian history, especially around the beginning of the twentieth century, has heard stories about Rasputin and his "control" of the last Tsar of Russia. However, Radzinsky, who has meticulously (at least it seems so) researched Rasputin, challenges and refutes a number of tales about that supposedly powerful supernatural amorous peasant who ran the Russian government through the Tsar and particularly the Tsarina. In many ways, "The Rasputin File" is like a narrative based on a police report and some reviewers have criticized the book for being a long police report, but I believe Radzinsky tells a compelling and interesting story based on the investigation's file. While little is known about Rasputin's life prior to his arrival in Petrograd, but like a good investigator, Radzinsky pieces together what is known and presents the evidence. Most importantly the evidence seems to be presented evenhandedly and fairly, drawing upon the testimony of admirers and opponents who often had agendas when they wrote and talked about Rasputin. The story also seems to make sense ... would the "classist" nobility (Tsar and Tsarina) listen to a peasant unless he was telling them what they wanted to hear? Could one peasant visit so many prostitutes in one day? And, what really happened the night of Rasputin's death? What were the murderers' motives and were they lying? These are some of the questions Radzinsky addresses. Rasputin was not the devil and his murderers were not all that noble. Excellent book about an interesting man and time. I believe I understand Rasputin and the Tsars a lot better! However, there are a number of mistakes noticeably after 70% through the Kindle version, such as "a" instead of "at" or "an." Some dates are written as "924" instead of "1924." No glaring mistakes, but they are there ... bottom line, I still very much enjoyed the book and the photographs at the end.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed this bookBy Kelly HendrixThis was a very interesting and thorough biography of one of the most legendary and mysterious characters in recent history. The power he held over the Russian throne was unbelievable. I enjoyed this book, but it was very hard to get through! The translation was rough, so there was not a great flow. However, I would highly recommend it to anyone interesting in the subject.

From the bestselling author of *Stalin and The Last Tsar* comes *The Rasputin File*, a remarkable biography of the mystical monk and bizarre philanderer whose role in the demise of the Romanovs and the start of the revolution can only now be fully known. For almost a century, historians could only speculate about the role Grigory Rasputin played in the downfall of tsarist Russia. But in 1995 a lost file from the State Archives turned up, a file that contained the complete interrogations of Rasputin's inner circle. With this extensive and explicit amplification of the historical record, Edvard Radzinsky has written a definitive biography, reconstructing in full the fascinating life of an improbable holy man who changed the course of Russian history. Translated from the Russian by Judson Rosengrant.

From Publishers WeeklyEver since the brutal murder of Grigory Rasputin on the eve of the Russian Revolution, morbid fascination has assured the semiliterate peasant a legacy in infamy. Now, armed with a newly discovered trove of testimonies from Rasputin's inner circle of devotees, Radzinsky (*The Last Tsar*) promises to "solve" the mystery of Rasputin's death. A veteran writer of Russian history, Radzinsky writes as if a historian must also be a sleuth and a psychiatrist. It's no wonder, then, that his book, which has the makings of a genuine exposé, goes more than a little off the rails. His latest effort is a muddle of conjecture that reads like a made-for-television docudrama. It is true that the evidentiary file--compiled by a revolutionary commission in 1917 and bought at auction in 1995 by the famous cellist Mstislav Rostropovich--contains new and often sensational material. However, a transcription of the titillating details of Rasputin's sexual escapades coupled with "who's who" captions for previously printed photographs cannot be equated with, in the author's words, "a unique investigation." More inadequate is Radzinsky's claim to have solved a great mystery when he declares that Rasputin was felled (but not killed) by a bullet from Assassin B (the Grand Duke)

and not from Assassin A (a collaborator), as has so long been thought. Even if it is true, one wonders how relevant such a theory is in light of the more miraculous fact that Rasputin died from drowning--after his poisoned, bludgeoned and bullet-ridden body was dumped in the Neva River. Lovers of history and pulp fiction alike should rejoice that this account fails to crack the enigma of Rasputin. (May) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal The Provisional Government in Russia (1917) formed the Extraordinary Commission of Inquiry to investigate the excesses of the tsarist regime, including those of the "Mad Monk" Grigory Rasputin (1869-1916) and his influence on the imperial family. The commission's file on him soon vanished, finally reappearing a few years ago at auction, where it was bought for Radzinsky, author of *The Last Tsar and Stalin*. Based on this newfound evidence, supplemented by published memoirs and by the surveillance file the police kept on Rasputin during the last five years of his life, the author has reconstructed his daily visits and actions during the years 1903-16 in meticulous detail, including the events surrounding his death. He portrays Rasputin as part of a pre-Christian peasant tradition of mysticism and folk wisdom. Statements made to the commission substantiate many of the drunken excesses usually attributed to Rasputin but undermine other charges of sexual exploits. The level of detail in this work makes it appropriate for specialists in the period and for academic libraries. D Marcia L. Sprules, Council on Foreign Relations Lib., New York Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist When a missing file from the inquiry into the murder of Rasputin turned up at auction at Sotheby's, the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich snatched it up and granted best-selling author and playwright Radzinsky exclusive rights to its contents. Radzinsky describes the file in scrupulous detail, and then gives us his take on the mysterious murder of Rasputin, the crazed monk who held a place of unprecedented importance in the court of the last czar and czarina of Russia, Nicholas II and Alexandra. He was eventually killed by relatives of the czar after the Bolshevik revolution, yet the assassination, like much of Rasputin's life, has been shrouded in mystery and rumor. Radzinsky offers a novelesque interpretation of the events as they unfolded, as reported in the secret file--and he clears up many of the mysteries surrounding the life and death of this influential "mad monk." A fascinating look at one of the most enigmatic figures in twentieth-century history. Michael Spinella Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved