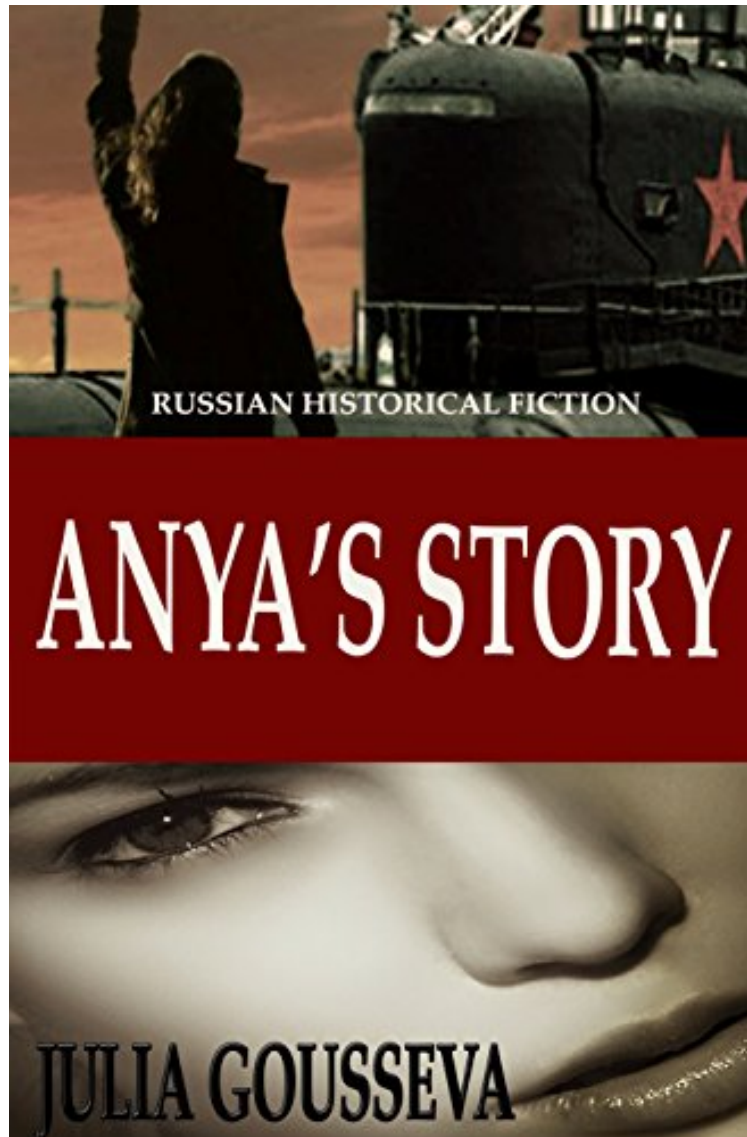


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Historical Fiction (Anya Series Book 1), is part of a series, but can easily be read alone. Anya begins sharing her story with us as a 17-year-old high school graduate ready to marry her high school sweetheart. But Russia's political turmoil brings economic and cultural manipulations of the many for the benefit of the few. Anya doesn't believe such upheavals will touch her until she faces deceit, betrayal, and humiliation. Anya struggles for her life in a small town with a Soviet submarine base. There her passions are tested and her life changes as fundamentally as does Russia itself. Read this book not only for the quality of its insights into Russian society in a time where the upheavals in those days set the stage for the upheavals in our own time. Highly recommended.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Engrossing StoryVon Anon AnonThis interesting story is about Anya, a seventeen year old living in Russia. She struggles with life, love, and betrayal. This is a well-written remarkable book.What makes this particularly interesting to me is this story takes place with the historical backdrop of the Gorbachev years and the dissolution of the old Soviet system.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent readVon Christoph Fischer"Anya's Story" by Julia Gousseva is a beautiful story which allows an insightful look into a very dynamic and unstable period of recent Russian history, told from the perspective of a young Russian high school girl.While we follow Anya and her first steps on a career path the world as she knows it changes and everything she used to be able to rely upon is no longer reliable.When her love life suddenly experiences such changes as well Anya is forced to make quick decisions that will determine the rest of her life.Anya is a wonderful character, naive, honest, well meaning and idealistic and it makes her the perfect narrator to get us (non-Russians) to see the impact of the political changes on all day life of ordinary citizens.Being of a similar age as the author I have witnessed the era from the other side of the opening iron curtain, I read the German newspaper articles about the German pilot Matthias Rust who in the 1980s landed on the Red Square unauthorized in an attempted symbolic gesture for peace. To read about the reception of this event from Anya's perspective, not from the politicians, is just one example of the eye opening that this book was for me.On a personal note, Anya's story is inspiring as she learns that nothing ever stays the same and that she needs to embrace change. A beautiful reflection of the political in the personal, a tribute to courage and self confidence.An excellent read.

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