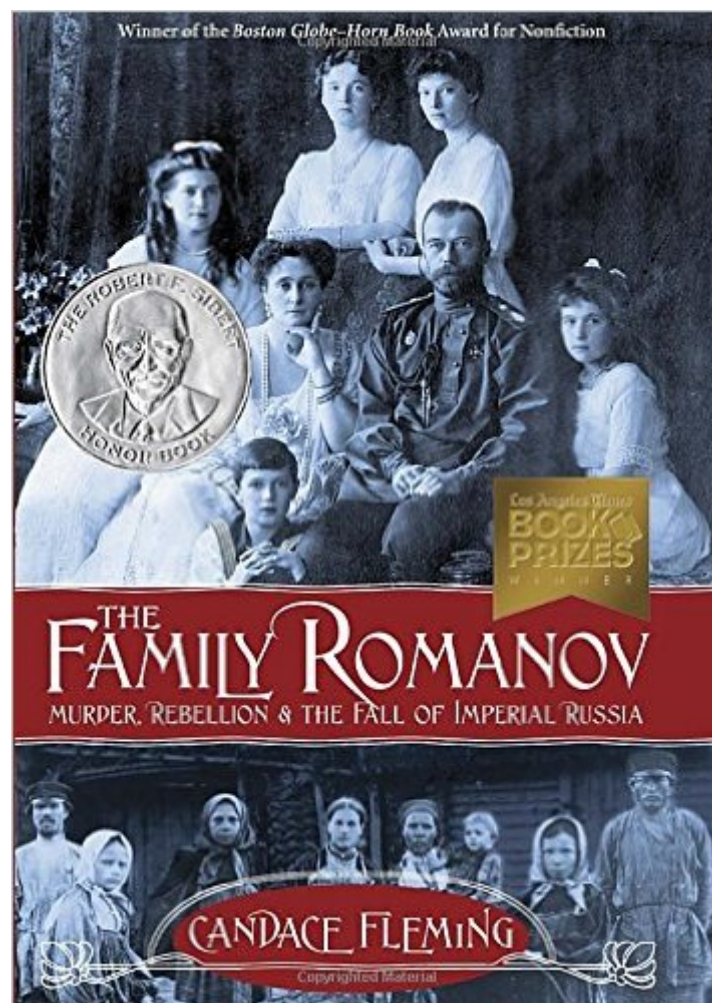


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# The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, And The Fall Of Imperial Russia (Orbis Pictus Award For Outstanding Nonfiction For Children (Awards))



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â œ[A] superb history.... In these thrilling, highly readable pages, we meet Rasputin, the shaggy, lecherous mystic...; we visit the gilded ballrooms of the doomed aristocracy; and we pause in the sickroom of little Alexei, the hemophiliac heir who, with his parents and four sisters, would be murdered by the Bolsheviks in 1918.â • â "The Wall Street Journal Â Here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovsâ "at once an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing. Using captivating photos and compelling first person accounts, award-winning author Candace Fleming (Amelia Lost; The Lincolns) deftly maneuvers between the imperial familyâ ™s extravagant lives and the plight of Russia's poor masses, making this an utterly mesmerizing read as well as a perfect resource for meeting Common Core standards."An exhilarating narrative history of a doomed and clueless family and empire." â "Jim Murphy, author of Newbery Honor Books An American Plague and The Great Fire"For readers who regard history as dull, Flemingâ ™s extraordinary book is proof positive that, on the contrary, it is endlessly fascinating, absorbing as any novel, and the stuff of an altogether memorable reading experience." â "Booklist, Starred"Marrying the intimate family portrait of Heiligmanâ ™s Charles and Emma with the politics and intrigue of Sheinkinâ ™s Bomb, Fleming has outdone herself with this riveting work of narrative nonfiction that appeals to the imagination as much as the intellect." â "The Horn Book, StarredWinner of theÂ Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Young Adult LiteratureWinner of the Boston Globeâ "Horn Book Award for NonfictionA Robert F. Sibert Honor BookA YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction AwardÂ FinalistÂ Winner of the Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction

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## Customer Reviews

A treat for history buffs in general and specifically for those interested in Tsarist/Czarist history as I am. The three stories are: 1. A story of the intimate lives of the Romanov family itself. 2. A description of the events from the worker strikes of 1905 until Vladimir Lenin took power in 1917. 3. An observation of the life of the average man/ a peasant at the turn of the 20th century and how it contrasted with the lives of the very wealthy, particularly the Tsar and his extended family. The book is of moderate length with two separate groupings of approximately 70 Black & White plates showing the most interesting characters discussed in the narrative. The chapter lengths are quite short with easy to read narrative and a dearth of long and obfuscatory words, so that it would be suitable for at least middle school readers and others especially interested in Russian History. This narrative history is further divided into four sections: Part One: Before the Storm, Part Two: Dark Clouds Gathering, Part Three: The Storm Breaks, Part Four: Final Days. The author thought to include a rather extensive bibliography, a more than adequate index, and a page of references for internet sites that also enable further study and a lot more pictures of the times and characters discussed. Most people would agree that the murder of the Tsar and his entire family and some of his entourage along with Anastasia's pet dog was a heinous and brutal crime, yet the author takes great pains in showing that Tsar Nicholas and his wife Tsarina Alexandra or Alix in German [she directly came from the house of Hesse in Germany] and both she and Nicky were grandchildren of Queen Victoria of England and also cousins.

Brought to you by OBS reviewer Kayt This book brings the history of the Romanovs (the last Russian royal family) to life in photos and wonderfully written insights. We get to see inside the family with intimate first person accounts of this tragic family. The photos are truly amazing and enlightening. Reading this well written book gives us a true vision into the before, during, and after events that brought down this family. As well as the events that forever changed the face of Russia. It is really interesting to see not only the history of the family, but also the information on the state of Russia, its citizens and their view of royalty in the face of war and the devastation that drove

the peasants to revolt. Nicholas II and his family were not prepared for inheriting the throne in 1894. His wife wanted to live the opulent life, but deal with none of the responsibilities. Their daughters Marie, Tatiana, Olga and of course Anastasia are brought to life in snippets of fun and real life. The citizens of Russia are heard from in their own accounts and that really brings it to life. And let's not forget that famous mystic Rasputin is in this true tale. So many stories, fictional and non have been written about Rasputin and Anastasia that it is nice to hear the historical facts. This book is written to satisfy Common Core Standards and therefore written for young adults. It is lively and easy to read. A big feat for me since I have a very hard time reading non-fiction these days. If I can get through it and enjoy it, I am sure history buffs will devour it. The layout of the book is friendly and entertaining. Nothing is dragged out so that you get bored or forget what you read. Yep that happens to me.

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