

# We Need To Talk About Putin

Vladimir Putin is one of the most powerful and enigmatic figures on the world stage. As President of Russia, he has overseen a period of significant change and upheaval, both in his own country and across the globe.



## We Need to Talk About Putin: How the West gets him wrong by Mark Galeotti

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In this comprehensive and thought-provoking book, renowned journalist and Russia expert Masha Gessen takes an in-depth look at Putin's life, career, and ideology. Based on years of research and interviews, Gessen provides a unique and insightful perspective on one of the most influential leaders of our time.

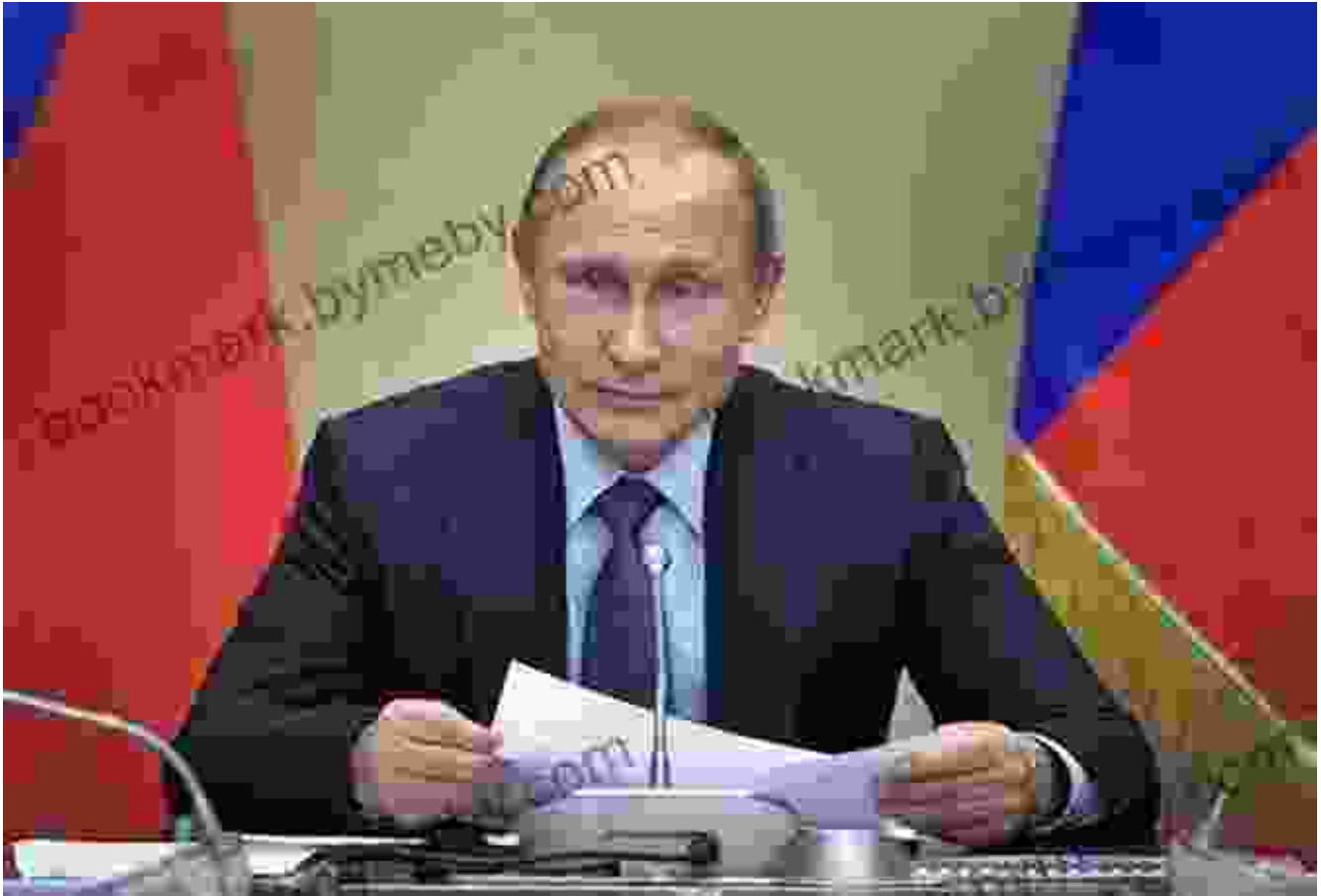
The book begins with a look at Putin's childhood and early career. We learn about his formative experiences in the KGB, his rise through the ranks of the Russian government, and his eventual election as President in 2000.

Gessen then goes on to examine Putin's policies and actions in detail. She discusses his crackdown on political dissent, his annexation of Crimea, and his military intervention in Syria. She also provides a nuanced analysis of Putin's foreign policy, which has been characterized by a mix of aggression and pragmatism.

Throughout the book, Gessen argues that Putin is a complex and contradictory figure. He is a ruthless authoritarian who has no qualms about using violence to achieve his goals. But he is also a shrewd politician who understands the power of propaganda and populism.

Gessen concludes by discussing the implications of Putin's rule for Russia and the world. She argues that Putin has created a system of government that is both repressive and unstable, and that he has set Russia on a course that could lead to conflict with the West.

*We Need To Talk About Putin* is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand one of the most important figures of our time. Masha Gessen's clear-eyed analysis and insightful writing make this book a must-read for anyone interested in Russia, politics, or the future of the world.



**Masha Gessen** is a Russian-American journalist, author, and activist. She has written extensively about Russia, Putin, and Soviet history. Her work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and The Guardian. She is the author of several books, including *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* and *The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia*.



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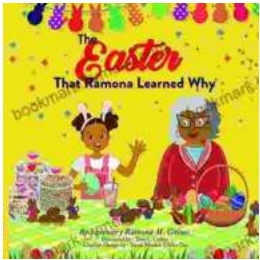
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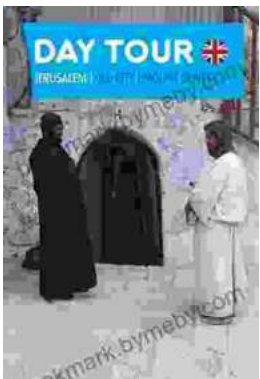
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