

# Russian Reads:

#### SEKRET - LINDSAY SMITH

A group of psychic teenagers in 1960s Soviet Russia are forced to use their powers to spy for the KGB.

## **GRISHA TRILOGY - LEIGH BARDUGO**

SHADOW & BONE. SIEGE & STORM. RUIN & RISING

Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protegé of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

#### **DEATHLESS - CATHERYNNE M. VALENTE**

A retelling of the Russian folktake featuring Marya Morevna and Koschei the Deathless is set in an alternate version of St. Petersburg in the first half of the 20th century and follows the transformation of a clever child of the revolution to the beautiful bride of a menacing overlord.

#### TSARINA - J. NELLE PATRICK

Within the walls of Russia's Winter Palace, Natalya seeks a magical Faberge egg containing the power of the land and the mystics, that promises a life of love for her and Alexei Romanov and the preservation of Romanov Russia.

## **KATERINA TRILOGY - ROBIN BRIDGES**

## THE GATHERING STORM, THE UNFAILING LIGHT, THE MORNING STAR

In St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1888, royal debutante Katerina Alexandrovna, Duchess of Oldenburg, tries to hide a dark secret - that she has the ability to raise the dead but when she uses her special skill to protect a member of the Imperial Family, she finds herself caught in a web of intrigue.

## DANCER, DAUGHTER, TRAITOR, SPY -**ELIZABETH KIEM**

After a harrowing defection to the United States in 1982, Russian teenager Marya and her father settle in Brooklyn, where Marya is drawn into a web of intrigue involving her gift of foresight, her mother's disappearance, and a boy she cannot bring herself to trust.

# THE BOY ON THE BRIDGE -NATALIE STANDIFORD

It is 1982 and nineteen-year-old Laura Reid is spending a semester in Leningrad studying Russian, but when she meets Alyosha she discovers the dissident Russia-a world of wild parties, underground books and music, love, and constant danger.

#### **BETWEEN SHADES OF GREY - RUTA SEPETYS**

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

## **VAMPIRE ACADEMY - RICHELLE MEAD**

Two years after a horrible incident made them run away, vampire princess Lissa and her guardian-in-training Rose are found and returned to St. Vladimir's Academy, where one focuses on mastering magic, the other on physical training, while both try to avoid the perils of gossip, cliques, gruesome pranks, and sinister plots.