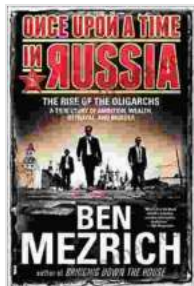


Once Upon a Time in Russia: A Journey Through History, Culture, and the People



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Russia is a land of vast and enigmatic beauty, a nation with a rich and complex history that has shaped its unique culture and people. In *Once Upon a Time in Russia*, acclaimed author and historian Simon Sebag Montefiore takes readers on an unforgettable journey through the heart of this extraordinary country.

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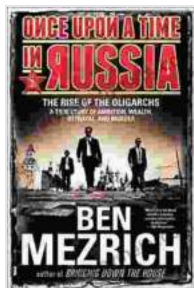
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