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Children Of The Storm: The Autobiography Of Natasha Vins



Synopsis

Young, school-age Natasha receives pressure from her teachers to give her unquestioning allegiance to the Soviet State. Anti-Christian sentiment dogs her family's life as well. The Vins family faces imprisonment, humiliation, court trials, and loss of jobs as part of the persecution waged by their government. In her teen years, Natasha begins to see that doors close to those who remain faithful to Christ. Now she must count the cost and decide for herself whether she wants to pay the price. The autobiography of Natasha Vins.

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Customer Reviews

I first read this book aloud to my kids years ago, but as I've been hearing that the Christian church is being strictly regulated and driven underground in Russia again, I decided to reread it so I could review it on my blog. This story gives the reader an idea of what life was like for Christians living behind Russia's Iron Curtain in the 1960s and 70s. The author tells of her family meeting in secret with fellow believers for church services, of being mocked by her classmates for believing in God, and being pressured to join the Communist youth organization, and then of her father's arrest and imprisonment in Siberia. He was eventually miraculously released and his family was relocated to America in 1979, where they continued to serve in ministries and missionary work focused on the persecuted church and Russia in particular. Georgi Vins wrote another book entitled *The Gospel in Bonds*. This story is not a great work of literature, but simply a personal, unpretentious narrative by its humble writer who wishes to share her family's story to inspire hope and courage to believers everywhere. We may not appreciate everything about our nation's government, but stories like that

of the Vins family should give us pause to be thankful for the freedom we have to worship publicly, and to read the Bible and talk about our faith without suffering major consequences. It should also serve as a reminder to pray for the persecuted church in Russia, N. Korea, the Middle East and many other places around the globe.

Good story about a young girl and her struggles inside the Communism of her homeland. It gives a peek into what people face in a country where religion is not a free choice and how difficult it would be to grow in the face of such adversity. It was an inspiring story.

Wow, this was a great story of faith and persistence. Natasha gives an accurate account of what the persecuted church went through under the communist rule. A society should learn from history, and this is a good lesson in letting go of individual freedoms and its consequences.

Natasha did a very good job at relating the Christian life behind the Iron Curtain. You think you have a hard time, wait till you read what she and her family went through!

Thanks

A very good book for everyone to read!

The story of a young woman who grew up in Soviet Russia--daughter of a Baptist pastor who was sent to Siberia for his uncompromising faith. A role model for any young person who may be struggling with the desire to "fit in" with this culture. Her relationship with Jesus Christ was more valuable to her than anything this world could offer, and she was ready to pay the price.

"Children of the Storm: the autobiography of Natasha Vins" is a very interesting first hand account of the persecution of Christians in the Ukraine and Russia during the cold war. Very sobering, this may cause you to give thanks for things that are often taken for granted.

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