

From award-winning author Eva Stachniak comes this passionate novel that tells the epic story of Catherine the Great's improbable rise to power as seen through the ever-watchful eyes of an all-but-invisible servant close to the throne. Her name is Barbara in Russian, Varvara. Nimble-witted and attentive, she's allowed into the employ of the Empress Elizabeth, amid the glitter and cruelty of the world's most eminent court. Under the tutelage of Count Bestuzhev, Chancellor and spymaster, Varvara will be educated in skills from lock picking to lovemaking, learning above all else to listen and to wait for opportunity. That opportunity arrives in a slender young princess from Zerbst named Sophie, a playful teenager destined to become the indomitable Catherine the Great. Sophie's destiny at court is to marry the Empress's nephew, but she has loftier, more dangerous ambitions. What Sophie needs is an insider at court, a loyal pair of eyes and ears who knows the traps, the conspiracies, and the treacheries that surround her. Varvara will become Sophie's confidante and together the two young women will rise to the pinnacle of absolute power. A majestic and splendidly written tale of pride, passion, intrigue, and deceit that is brought alive from the first page to the last. Rosalind Laker At the same time baroque and intimate, worldly and domestic, wildly strange and soulfully familiar, *The Winter Palace* offers a flickering glimpse of history through the gauze of deft entertainment. The Washington Post A thrilling point of view ... Readers are treated to a firsthand account of the young princess's slow ascent to the throne, a path deliciously strewn with discarded lovers and sanguine court intrigues. Minneapolis Star-Tribune A brilliant, bold historical novel ... This superb biographical epic proves the Tudors don't have a monopoly on marital scandal, royal intrigue, or feminine triumph. Booklist (starred review)

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The Winter Palace, Eva Stachniak's third book, gives us just that in another take on the

well-known story of Catherine the Great. This time, it's.

In the course of the novel, one building, the Winter Palace of Peter the Great, a drafty, Flemish-inspired two-storey When Catherine appears, she is a candidate for marriage to Crown Prince Peter, and an innocent, not very. The publication of Eva Stachniak's first novel of Catherine the Great, The Winter Palace, reminded historical fiction readers that the Tudors do.

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