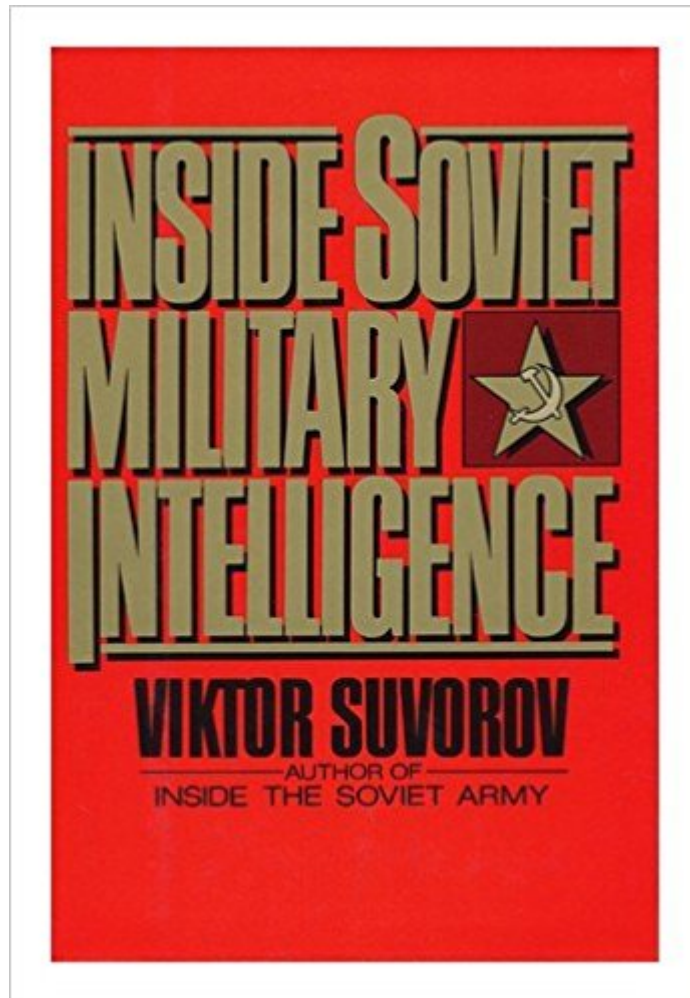




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The Chief Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff, also known as GRU, is the section of the KGB responsible for the international arena. Suvorov, a Soviet defector, was a member, and here he reveals the organization's inner workings. PW noted that "readers will find here a thorough analysis of the structure of GRU, its recruiting, training and methods of planting agents in governmental, military and technological centers of the enemy." November Copyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you have lived through a spy mole hunt, this is the book to know/have. From understanding why SVR-FSB is doing strange things, why people are walking around at 4 am with trash bags, and ponder as to whether the strange guy in the trench coat down the street is a cat burglar or just makes a habit of going to the same spot every other day, this book helps answer those strange questions. This is especially important for those living in Capital Hill and next to Russian embassies (neighbors beware) or if one lives next to a spy/mole. Having been from Houston and survived the Hansen, Chapman, Fishenko, and other spy/mole hunts it's a good reference to have. Plus even the Russians keep one around if they're in a foreign country to know how to avoid the SECRET POLICE that's very SECRETIVE.

Great book.

Great book. Very good overview of the GRU. Excellent companion to KGB: The Inside Story of Its Foreign Operations from Lenin to Gorbachev by Christopher Andrew and Oleg Gordievsky

Good hardcover edition of an old favorite.

This book does a great job exploring the inside world of the GRU (Soviet Military Intelligence). My favorite work by this author is "Inside the Aquarium", it is about the same subject but more about his personal experiences and it is a much better book. (in my opinion)

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Some of the other reviews have essentially called this a detailed but boring non-fiction spy thriller. If you're looking for that kind of work, I suggest Suvorov's other GRU book: Inside the Aquarium, a more personal account of his own military and espionage career. Even taken as a thriller, this book delivers better than many popular works on the KGB, Mossad, and other agencies. But I don't think it's fair to Suvorov or this book to treat it as a thriller when it's far more. Instead, I think of this as the most readable, exciting reference work I've seen in the field by far. Suvorov covers everything you would need in a reference work: the GRU's history and key personnel, its relationship with the KGB and the rest of the Soviet system, its administrative and organizational structure, and its operational techniques and preferences. And yet it's concise, complete, deeply insightful and wonderfully readable. Many Western experts, especially on the Left, gave Suvorov's works some pretty harsh reviews at the time, and considered his reports to be unreliable. With the fall of the Soviet Union and the release of other first-hand accounts of the Soviet military and intelligence networks, Suvorov has been pretty much totally vindicated. The book is now quite dated, but as a historical and philosophical work it's still absolutely fantastic.

I got it for my b/friend who is military. He enjoyed reading this book as well as others by this author. One comment from him - it is a hard reading if you are not familiar with Russian politics and history of those times.

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