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A unique and fascinating glimpse into previously unseen characteristics of art, history, and culture, this book describes period of the “Iron Curtain” through Soviet watches. Soviet watchmaking, which is not widely mentioned in sector publications, was an enormous global enterprise. Dating back to 1930, the Soviets took just 30 years to become the world’s second largest manufacturer of watches.



This book includes information about 11 brands, covering a period from the early 1930s to the 1990s.



Over 300 high-quality photographs of Russian and Soviet watches, some of them very rare, come from the personal collections of the four authors.

Details of the dials remind us of Soviet successes in the space race, military exploits, polar explorations, the collapse of the USSR, and stories about some of

the key figures in the history of the last century.



There are also in-depth analyses of the technological innovations introduced by the state factories and the military watches assigned to the highest-ranking members of the Soviet army.

A strong attention to detail, truly original perspectives, and over 300 high-quality photographs bring Russian watches to life for collectors and non-collectors alike, making this book a valuable reference for those who want to start collecting or continue expanding their collections.



Lorenzo Fè, from Tuscany, works in Milan. Since 2017 he has been a collector of Russian watches, specialising in chronographs, which are much appreciated by enthusiasts.



Andrea Manini, from Milan, has been collecting Russian and Soviet watches since 1992, mainly with commemorative and unusual dials.



Karl Samsa, a collector of Russian watches since 2008 with an obsession for NOS and a particular focus on productions destined to the Italian market.



Vanni Stefanini, born in Pavia, living in Lodi. He has been a drummer and grows his passion for the watchmaking since he was a boy. He is specialised in bringing old watches to a new life.

