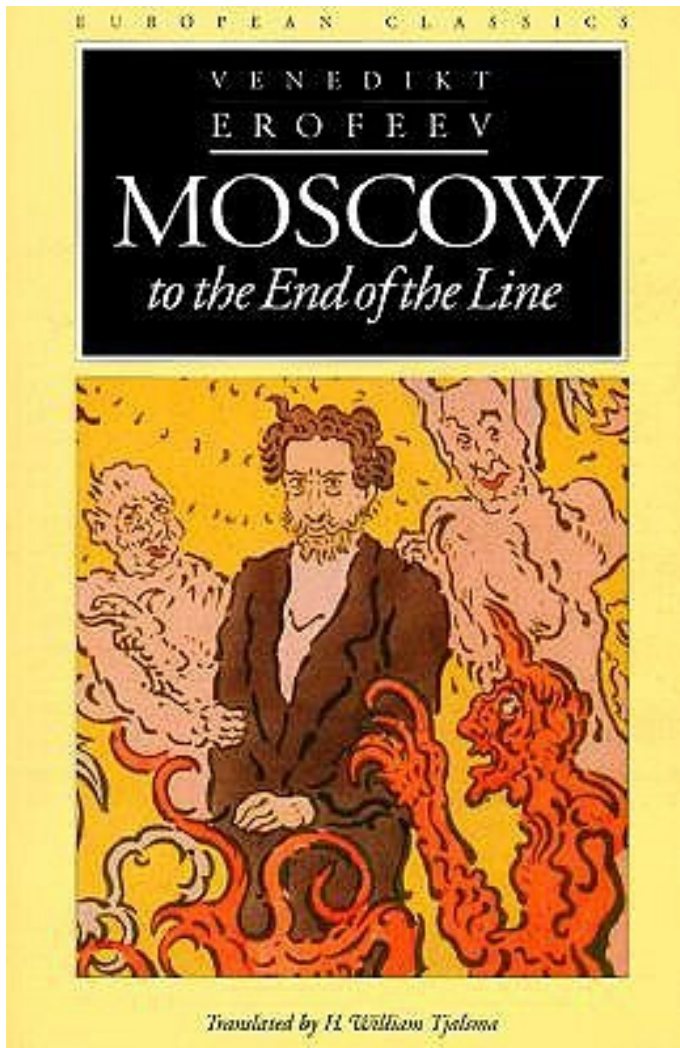

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Moscow to the End of the Line



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Description

In this classic of Russian humor and social commentary, a fired cable fitter goes on a binge and hops a train to Petushki (where his "most beloved of trollops" awaits). On the way he bestows upon angels, fellow passengers, and the world at large a magnificent monologue on alcohol, politics, society, alcohol, philosophy, the pains of love, and, of course, alcohol.

Insightful reviews

Newton: I found this, of all places, in a small used bookstore in Alaska about 10 years ago, and read it in a day. A drunken juggernaut which laughs and sobs as only a drunk can, this novel (which has also been classified as an epic poem by some, though it is written in prose) is the story of an out-of-work drunk in the USSR; he catches a train for a small village outside of Moscow, where his apparent beloved apparently lives. The bulk of the novel takes place on this train ride, with what amounts to a prologue (as he stumbles drunk about Moscow, looking for the train station) and an epilogue (after he finally disembarks). By turns vulgar, philosophical, raucous, and deeply melancholy, this book hit me like a force of nature the first time I read it. A major influence in my early writing.

Pavel: *"And since then I have not regained consciousness, and I never will"*

Venichka Erofeev never regained his full literary power after he finished this small book. Everything he had in his delicate beautiful sensitive soul, he expressed in this "poem", although it's written as a prose. His friends saw only allegiance in his drunkenness, he never cherished alcohol itself, but yet he created the greatest hymn to drinking as a way of life. "Moscow to the End of the Line" is a very funny book, there's a lot of laugh in there. But Erofeev laughs on the subjects that are laughable already, and somehow turns them into tragedy. He never distances himself from the subjects he laughs on and as a result readers always end up sympathizing this poor drunk with his crazy cocktails... This one is my favorite, called "The Spirit of Geneva":

White Lilac 50g.
Athlete's Foot Remedy 50g.
Zhiguli Beer 200g.
Alcohol Vanish 150g.
Great stuff!

Valentina Chugunova: I've read this book 'bout 1 000 times. It's ultimate answer to your pain, depress and even happiness.

Ekaterina Egorova: Okay, i have eventually learn it. Happy? Now I simply have to erase it from my mind

Rodney: If dialectical materialism have been grew to become on its head, anything like angels might most likely fall out. in case you received inebriated sufficient to go Moscow one thousand instances with out ever seeing the Kremlin, whatever like freedom could happen, regardless of the State. If poky previous Petushki grew to become Eden, simply because you liked and it used to be there, materialism will be became correct facet up again, yet with the angels left in. That's Erofeev, whose exceedingly Russian cocktail of unhappiness & joy, shame, spirituality, and sensual skewering of Lenin is Marxism's inadvertent glory & a beautiful f-you to Kremlins everywhere.

Theshiney: a number of the humor was once excess of my head- usually as a result of our cultural differences- however the tale winds itself into one of these fury that i needed to cease over interpreting the russian dialect and undergo the madness... it truly is absurd and fierce. the best way Erofeev slays professionalism is mainly hilarious. the area we all know that's jam-packed with significance and drama is torn a brand new one. this e-book is a mockery of YOUR "epic" proportions... i'm savoring the ache i had upon completing the e-book and stay up for studying it again. whatever i dont are inclined to do...

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