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A History of Women's Writing in Russia offers a comprehensive account of the lives and works of Russia's women writers from the Middle Ages to the present. Based on original and archival research, much of it never published before, this volume forces a re-examination of many of the traditionally held assumptions about Russian literature and women's role in the tradition. In setting about the process of reintegrating women writers into the history of Russian literature, contributors have addressed the often surprising contexts within which women's writing has been produced. Chapters reveal a flourishing literary tradition where none was thought to exist, they redraw the map defining Russia's literary periods, they look at how Russia's women writers articulated their own experience, and they reassess their relationship to the dominant male tradition. The volume is supported by extensive reference features including a bibliography and guide to writers and their works.

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Note on transliteration

In general, we have adhered to a modified Library of Congress system of transliteration. However, in the representation of the names of authors who are familiar to the English-speaking reader, we have eliminated the *ii* and *yi* endings, replacing them with the more familiar *y* as in the case of Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Brodsky, etc. Soft and hard signs have been retained in the endnotes and bibliographical material but in some cases have not been denoted in the text proper to facilitate reading for the non-specialist.

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Abbreviations

Editions of works by Russian authors

Izb Izbrannoe (Selections)

IzbPrIzbrannye proizvedeniia (Selected works)IzbSIzbrannye sochineniia (Selected compositions)

PSS Polnoe sobranie sochinenii (Complete collected works)

Soch Sochineniia (Works)

SS Sobranie sochinenii (Collected works)

Abbreviations used in archive entries

ATKP Arkhiv tvorcheskikh kadrov Soiuza Pisatelei

RGALI Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi arkhiv literatury i iskusstva

(Russian State Archive of Literature and Art)

RTsKhIDNI Rossiiskii tsentr khraneniia i izucheniia dokumentov

noveishei istorii (Russian Center for Preservation and

Study of Records of Modern History)

English-language periodicals

CSS Canadian Slavonic Studies

RL Russian Literature (includes some articles in Russian)
RLJ Russian Language Journal (includes some articles in

Russian)

RLT Russian Literature Triquarterly

RR Russian Review

ScotSR Scottish Slavonic Review

SEEJ Slavic and East European Journal SEER Slavonic and East European Review

SovLit Soviet Literature (Moscow)

SR Slavic Review

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Russian periodicals

Biblioteka dlia chteniia (Library for Reading)
DN Druzhba narodov (Peoples' Friendship)
LitGaz Literaturnaia gazeta (Literary Gazette)
LitOb Literaturnoe obozrenie (Literary Review)
LitZ Literaturnye zapiski (Literary Notes)
MGv Molodaia gvardiia (The Young Guard)

NlitOb Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie (New Literary Review)

NM Novyi mir (New World)

NSovr Nash sovremennik (Our Contemporary)

NZh Novyi zhurnal (New Review)

OZ Otechestvennye zapiski (Notes of the Fatherland)

Russkoe bogatstvo (Russian Wealth) RBog RLitRusskaia literatura (Russian Literature) RMysl' Russkaia mysľ (Russian Thought) RObRusskoe obozrenie (Russian Review) RRech' Russkaia rech'(Russian Speech) **RSlovo** Russkoe slovo (Russian Word) Russkii vestnik (Russian Herald) RVSevV Severnyi vestnik (Northern Herald)

SPVed Sanktpeterburgskie vedomosti (St. Petersburg News)

VE Vestnik Evropy (Herald of Europe)

VopLit Voprosy literatury (Questions of Literature)

ZR Zolotoe runo (Golden Fleece)

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