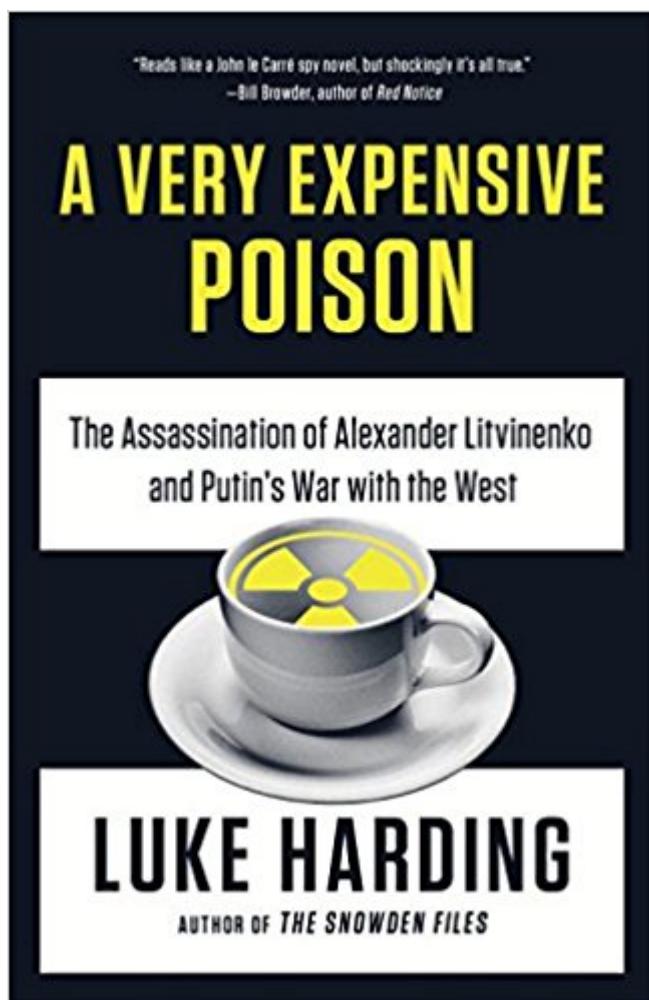


The book was found

A Very Expensive Poison: The Assassination Of Alexander Litvinenko And Putin's War With The West



Synopsis

A true story of murder and conspiracy that points directly to Vladimir Putin, by The Guardianâ™s former Moscow bureau chief. On November 1, 2006, journalist and Russian dissident Alexander Litvinenko was poisoned in London. He died twenty-two days later. The cause of death? Poloniumâ™ a rare, lethal, and highly radioactive substance. Here Luke Harding unspools a real-life political assassination storyâ™ complete with KGB, CIA, MI6, and Russian mobsters. He shows how Litvinenkoâ™s murder foreshadowed the killings of other Kremlin critics, from Washington, DC, to Moscow, and how these are tied to Russiaâ™s current misadventures in Ukraine and Syria. In doing so, he becomes a target himself and unearths a chain of corruption and death leading straight to Vladimir Putin. From his investigations of the downing of flight MH17 to the Panama Papers, Harding sheds a terrifying light on Russiaâ™s fracturing relationship with the West.

Book Information

Paperback: 480 pages

Publisher: Vintage (January 24, 2017)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1101973994

ISBN-13: 978-1101973998

Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 1 x 8.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.3 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars 61 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #68,904 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #55 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Specific Topics > Corruption & Misconduct #63 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > True Crime > Espionage #80 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Russian & Former Soviet Union

Customer Reviews

âœGripping. . . . The case against Mr. Putin, his intelligence agencies and their hitmen was built gradually over the years, by detective work and intelligence. As set out by Mr. Harding in this book, it arouses a demonic fascination. . . . Mr. Harding ranges widely, far beyond the Litvinenko case, in *A Very Expensive Poison*. . . . Presidents who sup with Vladimir Putin should bring a very long spoon indeed.â•â "Daniel Johnson, *The Wall Street Journal*âœHarding is a great journalist. . . . His work is precious. . . . With experience and lucidity, he helps us to understand that we must be vigilant and always ready to guard the most precious asset of all, not a gift but a right: freedom.â•

â "Roberto Saviano, lâ™EspressoâœDrawing on interviews, original reportage, and a British public inquiry, Harding reiterates the inquiryâ™s findings: Litvinenko was the victim of a political assassination that was indistinguishable from a gangland hit. . . . Harding suitably conveys the shocking, violent, and tragic story of a man whose murder has gone unpunished." • â "Publishers Weekly (Starred Review)" Hardingâ™s exposÃ©, shortlisted for the CWA Nonfiction Dagger Award, could not be more chilling or timely. . . . A devastating and disturbing must-read." - Booklist" A chilling look at the Putin regime's murderous suppression of its critics. . . . In this fast-paced book, Harding, who was expelled from the Kremlin while serving as the Guardian's Moscow bureau chief, covers all the bases while exposing the weakness and accommodationism of the now-departed British leadership. Hard-hitting and timely given Russia's continued sway in international politics as well as its documented influence over an incoming American administration that is also hostile to the press." - KirkusÂ "Extraordinarily pacy...one of the best political thrillers I have come across in years." - The Evening Standard" Harding...tells this ghastly tale with real authority, wit, and panache. . . . The book is as 'definitive' as it claims." - The Times "Impassioned...Harding paints deft portraits of the tragi-comic duo suspected of carrying out the crime." - The New Statesman" Gripping." - London Review of Books" A Very Expensive Poison reads like a John Le CarrÃ© spy novel, but shockingly it's all true. Luke Harding has followed the criminality of the Putin regime from Russia to the West and his story leaves us with terrible feelings of dread about what Putin will do next." - Bill Browder, author ofÂ Red Notice" An expert chronicler of a sensational but opaque crime...Enthralling." - A. D. Miller, author of Snowdrops" Harding lays out every fact connecting it in thrillerish detail to the dark undercurrents of life in today's Russia." - Oliver Bullough, author of The Last Man in Russia" Horrific, instructive and, at times, hilarious. He is a masterful storyteller and an impeccable researcher." - Federico Varese, Professor of Criminology, University of Oxford

Luke Harding is an award-winning foreign correspondent with The Guardian. Between 2007 and 2011 he was the Guardian's Moscow bureau chief; the Kremlin expelled him from the country in the first case of its kind since the Cold War.

I am not a fast reader and generally have several books going at the same time according to my mood. But I couldn't put this book down. I was late to the office when I could be. It hooked me from the first page. The most incredible part of the book was the incredibly thorough job that Scotland Yard did in tracing every movement of the assassins some time after the event. If you ever thought Putin or the Russian state was warm and cuddly this book will certainly reverse that impression. The

assassination of Alexander Litvenenko was meant to be undetectable because polonium, the substance used to poison him, does not register on a geiger counter. Nevertheless it was discovered and the assassins' trails tracked with incredible precision. You will not be able to tear yourself away from this story. Luke Harding wrote a gripping tale about an astonishing assassination by Putin's inept agents who were handsomely rewarded while Russia adamantly denied any misdeeds. The overall book leaves no doubt as to Putin's intentions toward the West.

The story of Alexander Litvinenko's assassination at the hands of the Russian government is far more clear than one would have thought. The radioactive trail and the thorough, if not timely, investigation by the British leaves no doubt as to who did it. The "why" isn't pinned down. It could have been for several reasons. In all, for a state sponsored hit, this one was bungled badly. Harding does a great job pulling it all together.

What a good book!!! Well written, informative, excellent!!! Can only recommend it.

If it's an accurate depiction of the rulers in Russia(including that thug Putin), we should all be very concerned. Good nonfiction book, came promptly, and in good shape. Good transaction. Thank you!

Expose Putin and the Russian State as an essentially criminally driven exploit as opposed to the former Soviet Union ideologically driven enterprise. They appear to be willing to do absolutely anything to keep their power and money.

Sobering and comprehensive account of the dastardly assassination of Litvinenko by bungling Putin stooges. If you have any doubt as to the criminality of the Russian state and it's connection to organized crime (not that we are necessarily any better) this is the read for you. A superb piece of investigative journalism.

The beginning of the book was quite gripping...the poisoning of a former KGB operative who went to England and worked for MI6. I enjoyed the details of the attempts and success in using Polonium 210. Towards the end of the book, I thought it fell a little flat. It described Putin's grab of the Crimea, his so-called ties to oligarchs and interference in Ukraine. I didn't find that as interesting. But all in all, the book was well written with attention to detail and facts.

A frightening account of the murder of a man who revealed the clandestine and treacherous directives of Vladimir Putin, who is without a doubt the "godfather" of the Russian mafia. Luke Harding presents the best of investigative journalism. A riveting tale of power, greed, and violence. Litvinenko knew that he was risking his life to reveal the truth, and he paid a horrible price. A riveting page turner and a tribute to those who dare to speak against evil.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Very Expensive Poison: The Assassination of Alexander Litvinenko and Putin's War with the West
The Putin Interviews: Oliver Stone Interviews Vladimir Putin Civil War: American Civil War in 50
Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Confederate States (War Books, Civil War
History, Civil War Books) (History in 50 Events Series Book 13) World War 1: World War I in 50
Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Central Powers (War Books, World War 1 Books,
War History) (History in 50 Events Series) World War 2 Historyâ™s 10 Most Incredible Women:
World War II True Accounts Of Remarkable Women Heroes (WWII history, WW2, War books, world
war 2 books, war history, World war 2 women) The Invention of Russia: From Gorbachev's
Freedom to Putin's War World War II: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions) Moral
Dilemmas of Modern War: Torture, Assassination, and Blackmail in an Age of Asymmetric Conflict
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day World War 1: Soldier Stories: The
Untold Soldier Stories on the Battlefields of WWI (World War I, WWI, World War One, Great War,
First World War, Soldier Stories) Easy Jamaican Cookbook: 50 Unique and Authentic Jamaican
Recipes (Jamaican Cookbook, Jamaican Recipes, Jamaican Cooking, West Indian Cookbook, West
Indian Recipes, West Indian Cooking Book 1) How To Stop Hair Loss Naturally: Learn various ways
to stop your hair loss and regrow your hair without the use of expensive and harmful drugs The
Complete Guide to Zoning: How to Navigate the Complex and Expensive Maze of Zoning, Planning,
Environmental, and Land-Use Law Motorhome and RV Retirement Living: The Most Enjoyable and
Least Expensive Way to Retire The Less You Know, the Better You Sleep: Russia's Road to Terror
and Dictatorship under Yeltsin and Putin The Most Expensive Game in Town: The Rising Cost of
Youth Sports and the Toll on Today's Families How to Save Money by Planning Your Own
Wedding: Steps and Tips Making a Cheap Wedding Look Expensive! The Search for the Top 10
Most Expensive and Unique Original Star Wars Action Figures from 1977-1985 The Best Car Book
in The World: Exploring the World's Most Expensive Cars, The World's Rarest Cars, and Cars of the
Future Best 100 Juices for Kids: Totally Yummy, Awesomely Healthy, & Naturally Sweetened
Homemade Alternatives to Soda Pop, Sports Drinks, and Expensive Bottled Juices

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)