

The book was found

# Once Upon A Time In Russia: The Rise Of The Oligarchs And The Greatest Wealth In History



## Synopsis

The best-selling author of *Bringing Down the House* (63 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list and the basis for the hit movie *21*) and *The Accidental Billionaires* (the basis for the Academy Award-winning film *The Social Network*) delivers an epic drama of wealth, rivalry, and betrayal among megawealthy Russian oligarchs - and its international repercussions. *Once Upon a Time in Russia* is the untold true story of the larger-than-life billionaire oligarchs who surfed the waves of privatization to reap riches after the fall of the Soviet regime: "Godfather of the Kremlin" Boris Berezovsky, a former mathematician whose first entrepreneurial venture was running an automobile reselling business, and Roman Abramovich, his dashing young protégé, who built a multibillion-dollar empire of oil and aluminum. Locked in a complex, uniquely Russian partnership, Berezovsky and Abramovich battled their way through the "Wild East" of Russia, with Berezovsky acting as the younger man's krysha - his roof, his protector. Written with the heart-stopping pacing of a thriller - but even more compelling because it is true - this story of amassing obscene wealth and power depicts a rarefied world seldom seen up close. Under Berezovsky's krysha, Abramovich built one of Russia's largest oil companies from the ground up and in exchange made cash deliveries - including \$491 million in just one year. But their relationship frayed when Berezovsky attacked President Vladimir Putin in the media - and had to flee to the UK. Abramovich continued to prosper. Dead bodies trailed Berezovsky's footsteps, and threats followed him to London, where an associate of his died painfully and famously of Polonium poisoning. Then Berezovsky himself was later found dead, declared a suicide.

## Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 6 hours and 47 minutes

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Audio

Audible.com Release Date: June 2, 2015

Whispersync for Voice: Ready

Language: English

ASIN: B00XWCNS48

Best Sellers Rank: #18 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > International & World Politics > Russian & Former Soviet Union #20 in Books > Audible

Audiobooks > Politics & Current Events > Political History & Theory #32 in Audiobooks > Audible Audiobooks > Biographies & Memoirs > Business Leaders

## Customer Reviews

Once Upon a Time in Russia bills itself as a story of the rise of the oligarchs in the subtitle, and as the behind-the-scenes, true story of two larger-than-life billionaire oligarchs in particular "Boris Berezovsky and Roman Abramovich" in the introduction. But this is Berezovsky's story. Abramovich plays a surprisingly small role, arguably less important than Georgian strongman and Berezovsky's right-hand muscle Badri Patarkatsishvili, former-FSB agent Alexander Litvinenko, and Bond villain Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, even Boris Yeltsin and his daughter Tatiana. Berezovsky was one of an early wave of Russians from all walks of life "he was a half-Jewish former academic" to make his fortune in the wake of perestroika. Berezovsky made his first fortune selling cars bought from the manufacture on credit during a period of gross inflation. From there he moved into TV (his eventual downfall), oil, and aluminum. It was oil that sprang from his initial partnership with Abramovich. Abramovich, already owner of a pipeline, approached Berezovsky with the idea to take a state oil company private, and Berezovsky used his connections to make it happen. Berezovsky, along with his fellow oligarchs, also uses his connections, his millions, and his TV station to get Yeltsin reelected when it looked like the Communists were going to regain power. It is hard as an American to grasp post-perestroika Russian business. Berezovsky and Abramovich didn't make millions, they made billions. Berezovsky and the six confederates he recruited to finance Yeltsin's reelection accounted for half of Russia's GDP. Berezovsky lived surrounded by heavily-armed bodyguards and traveling in armored cars. And with good reason.

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

Once upon a Time in Russia: The Rise of the Oligarchs and the Greatest Wealth in History  
Once Upon a Time in Russia: The Rise of the Oligarchs\_A True Story of Ambition, Wealth, Betrayal, and Murder  
The Looting Machine: Warlords, Oligarchs, Corporations, Smugglers, and the Theft of Africa's Wealth  
The King Without A Throne (illustrated kids books, picture book biographies, bedtime stories for kids, Chinese history and culture): Confucius (Once Upon A Time In China... 2)  
Car Talk: The Greatest Stories Ever Told: Once Upon a Car Fire . . . From Pieces to Weight: Once Upon a Time in Southside Queens But No Elephants (Once Upon a Time) Once Upon a Time in Chicago: The Story of Benny Goodman Around the Year: Once Upon a Time Saints Three Tales of Three (Once-Upon-a-Time) The Emperor Who Built The Great Wall (Once Upon A Time In China)

(Volume 1) Once Upon a Time: Red's Untold Tale Slim Aarons: Once Upon A Time Once Upon a Time Wall Calendar (2017) Once Upon a Time: Writing Your Own Fairy Tale (Writer's Toolbox) Misoso: Once Upon a Time Tales from Africa Russia ABCs: A Book About the People and Places of Russia (Country ABCs) Index Funds: Index Funds Investing Guide To Wealth Building Through Index Funds Investing With Index Funds Investing Strategies For Building Wealth Including ... Guide To Wealth Building With Index Funds) The Rise and Fall of Soviet Communism: A History of 20th-Century Russia Once upon a Story: A Famous Author Retells Classic Stories With Passion and Spirit

[Dmca](#)