

The Little Russian - Susan Sherman

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The Little Russian spotlights an exciting new voice in historical fiction, an assured debut that should appeal to readers of *Away* by Amy Bloom or *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. The novel tells the story of Berta Alshonsky, who revels in childhood memories of her time spent with a wealthy family in Moscow a life filled with salons, balls and all the trappings of the upper class very different from her current life as a grocers daughter in the Jewish townlet of Mosny. So when a mysterious and cultured wheat merchant walks into the grocery, Bertas life is forever altered. She falls in love, unaware that he is a member of the Bund, The Jewish Workers League, smuggling arms to the shtetls to defend them against the pogroms sweeping the Little Russian countryside. Married and established in the wheat center of Cherkast, Berta has recaptured the life she once had in Moscow. So when a smuggling operation goes awry and her husband must flee the country, Berta makes the vain and foolish choice to stay behind with her children and her finery. As Russia plunges into war, Berta eventually loses everything and must find a new way to sustain the lives and safety of her children. Filled with heart-stopping action, richly drawn characters, and a world seeped in war and violence; *The Little Russian* is poised to capture readers as one of the hand-selling gems of the season. Author: Sherman, Susan Publisher: Counterpoint Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: *The Little Russian* Pages: 00384 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-01-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781582437729 Category: Fiction : Historical - General

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