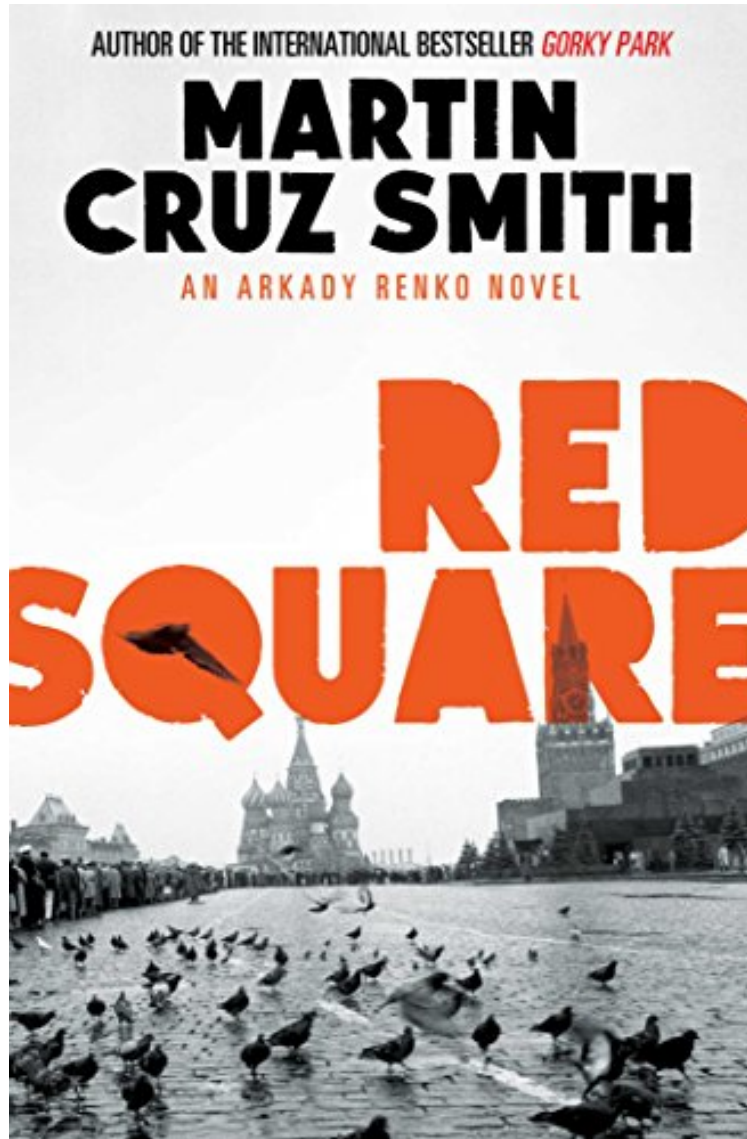


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Von Martin Cruz Smith : Red Square (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Red Square (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very special and deepVon Ein KundeTo say I seldom read thrillers is an understatement (I might have read as many as ten in my entire life, otherwise dominated by books). However, this book was a treat, written with intelligence and an exceptional depth of insight in both human nature and political background. Renko is one of the most authentic literary

figures I have come across, and he even influenced me in my way of thinking while I still was a refugee in Germany. That particular setting was probably the reason why I like this book a lot more than *Polar Star* (I was really surprised that several reviewers claimed it to be the best one in the trilogy), and even more than *Gorky Park*.
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dark, intricate, and engrossing
Von Ein Kunde
Red Square is a dark intricate detective story set in Moscow, Munich, and Berlin. I heard (rather than read) an unabridged audio version, which is not the ideal medium for a Martin Cruz Smith novel. As in every other MCS novel I've read/heard (*Gorky Park*, *Polar Star*, *Rose*), the first time through, I was totally lost at times. On the second reading/hearing, I got a vague idea of the plot. The only MCS novel I've read/heard 3 times is *Rose*, and I finally get the plot. I'm not overly stupid, but I do have trouble remembering peoples names, particularly Russian names. For those who suffer from the same dyslexia as I, keeping notes while reading is necessary. Perhaps inevitable and unavoidable in such a novel, there are dozens of characters most of which are minor. The problem is that minor characters on page 20 pop up again on page 300 and turn out to be major characters. With these caveats, I nevertheless very much enjoy MCS novels so much so that I frequently give hardback copies as Christmas gifts.
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a gripping portrait of the new Russia
Von Ein Kunde
If you're reading this review it's probably because you haven't read Martin Cruz Smith's *Red Square* yet. And that's too bad, because you're missing a vivid glimpse into both the mafia-riddled new Russia and the loyalties of the human heart. Arkady Renko, the homicide detective hero of Smith's earlier books *Gorky Park* and *Polar Star*, returns to Moscow and finds himself battling an international crime ring in a story that crosses the German border and brings him face-to-face with his longed-for lost love. The gripping plot and Smith's masterful ability to capture the nuances of these complex geographical and psychological landscapes make this a book you will remember every time you pick up a copy of your favorite news magazine.

Kurzbeschreibung
Arkady Renko has returned to Moscow from his exile in the darkest reaches of the Soviet Union. He is reinstated as an Investigator in the Moscow Militsiya, only to find the home he once knew so well is crumbling under a new world order - the Russian mafia. After the brutal murder of a black-market banker, Renko finds himself wrapped in the rich, ruthless and highly powerful underworld of the new elite. The case will take Renko on an international journey that will lead him to someone he thought was lost to him forever - defector Irina Asanova.
From Publishers Weekly
The Soviet upheavals have fueled the glowing talent of Smith (*Gorky Park*), America's preeminent writer of Russia-based thrillers. Investigator Arkady Renko returns from exile on the *Polar Star* fleet to find the new Moscow a dramatic battlefield of warlords and entrepreneurs; behind it, as still as a painted backdrop, eight million people standing in line. An ingenious bomb kills Renko's informer the banker for freewheeling black marketeers-leading Arkady's team through the quicksand of mafia-dominated official graft. His workaholic forensics expert, Polina (who must wait in line for morgue time as well as for beets), identifies the bomb method, leading Arkady too close for aparatchik comfort. He is bumped from the case, but only after a clue from the dead man's fax (Where is *Red Square*?) points him toward a Munich connection. Meanwhile, he is stunned to hear his lost love, Irina, on Munich-based *Radio Liberty* and with his last bit of clout wrangles a barely official trip to Germany. His mastery of the Russian system stymies the Munich embassy and reunites him with Irina in the midst of nasty fellow citizens bent on national theft. With vital aid from a Munich cop, Arkady links the fax clue to Russian bureaucrats, the ethnic Chechen mafia, and German bankers. The novel paints the new post-Soviet aura through the stoic hero's wry humor and leaves Arkady and Irina perfectly poised, like Russia itself, for whatever comes next. Major ad/ promo; author tour.
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Special Investigator Arkady Renko returns in his third engrossing mystery