

# Hope Against Nadezhda Mandelstam

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Women's Works in Stalin's Time Yale University Press

A woman ' s true account of eighteen years as a Soviet prisoner: " Not even Alexander Solzhenitsyn ' s One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich matches it. " —The New York Times Book Review In the late 1930s, Eugenia Ginzburg was a wife and mother, a schoolteacher and writer, and a longtime loyal Communist Party member. But like millions of others during Stalin ' s reign of terror, she was arrested—on trumped-up charges of being a Trotskyist terrorist counter-revolutionary—and sentenced to prison. With sharp detail and an indefatigable spirit, Ginzburg recounts her arrest and the eighteen harrowing years she endured in Soviet prisons and labor camps, including two in solitary confinement. Her memoir is " a compelling personal narrative of survival " (The New York Times Book Review)—and one of the most important documents of Stalin ' s brutal regime. " Deeply significant...intensely personal and passionately felt. " —Time " Probably the best account that has ever been published of...the prison and camp empire of the Stalin era. " —Book World Translated by Paul Stevenson and Max Hayward *Hope Abandoned* Cambridge University Press

Hope Against Hoperecounted the last four years in the life of the great Russian poet, Osip Mandelstam, and gave a hair-raising account of Stalin's terror. Hope

Abandonedcomplements that earlier masterpiece, and in it Nadezhda Mandelstam describes their life together from 1919, and her own after Mandelstam's death in a labour camp in 1938. She also sets out his system of values and beliefs, and provides striking portraits of

many of their contemporaries including Boris Pasternak and their champion till his own downfall, Nikolai Bukharin, as well as an astonishingly candid picture of Anna Akhmatova. Lillian Hellman Penguin UK "... Holmgren gives a superb comparative analysis of the literary legacy of the two memoirists." —Times Literary Supplement "Beth Holmgren's book is a highly original and very productive critical appraisal of the work of Likiia Chukovskaia and Nadezhda Mandelstam." —The Russian Review "This fine book, with its copious, informative notes and good bibliography, will interest students of 20th-century literature and theorists of autobiography, feminist criticism, and gender studies." —Choice "... a fascinating book that provides a powerful testament to the strength and endurance of women in a particularly ghastly period of history." —Signs "... impressive, eloquently written... an integrated comparative study of two very different female survivors of the Stalinist night." —Caryl Emerson "... a bold scholarly act.... The writing is excellent throughout." —Barbara Heldt Two extraordinary women writers are evoked as models of women's heroic roles in preserving Russian culture in Stalin's time. A fresh and eloquent approach to the literature of the Stalinist age.

The Noise of Time Modern Library Drawing on a huge range of sources - letters, memoirs, conversations - Orlando Figes tells the story of how Russians tried to endure life under Stalin. Those who shaped the political system became, very frequently, its victims. Those who were its victims were frequently quite blameless. The Whisperers recreates the sort of maze in which Russians found themselves, where an unwitting wrong turn could either destroy a family or, perversely, later save it: a society in which everyone spoke in whispers - whether to protect themselves, their families, neighbours or friends - or to inform on them.

Manna Scribner The Use of Man starts with an unexpected discovery. World War II is ending. Sredoje Lazuki? has been fighting all through it. Now, as one of the victorious Partisans, he has come home to Novi Sad. He visits the house he grew up in. Strangers nervously show him around. He looks up

the mother of Milinko, his best friend. Milinko's girlfriend, Vera, was the daughter of a Jew, a bookish businessman. Her house stands empty and open. Venturing in, Sredoje is surprised to find the diary of the German tutor that Milinko, Vera, and he all shared, Fräulein, who died on the operating table just before the war. Here, however, in a cheap notebook in Vera's old room, is a record of Fräulein's lonely days, with the sentimental caption Poésie. . . . The diary survived. Sredoje survived. Vera and Milinko have survived too. But what survives? A few years back Sredoje, Vera, and Milinko were teenagers, struggling to make sense of life. Life, they now know, can be more bitter than death. A work of stark poetry and illimitable sadness, The Use of Man is one of the great books of the 20th century.

**Selected Poems, 1951-1974** New York Review of Books

Hailed as the first great Soviet writer, Isaac Babel was at once a product and a victim of violent revolution. In tales of Cossack marauders and flashy Odessa gangsters, he perfectly captured the raw, edgy mood of the first years of the Russian Revolution. Masked, reckless, impassioned, charismatic, Babel himself was as fascinating as the characters he created. At last, in renowned author Jerome Charyn, Babel has a portraitist worthy of his quicksilver genius. Though it traces the arc of Babel's charmed life and mysterious death, Savage Shorthand bursts the confines of straight biography to become a meditation on the pleasures, torments, and meanings of Babel's art. Even in childhood, Babel seemed destined to leave a mark. But it was only when his mentor, Maxim Gorky, ordered him to go out into the world of revolutionary Russia that Babel found his true voice and subject. His tales of the bandit king Benya Krik and the brutal raids of the Red Cavalry electrified Moscow. Overnight, Babel was a celebrity, with throngs of admirers and a train of lovers. But with the rise of Stalin, Babel became a living ghost. Charyn brilliantly evokes the paranoid shadowland of the first wave of Stalin's terror, when agents of the Cheka snuffed out artists like candle flames. Charyn's chilling account of the circumstances of Babel's death—hidden and

lied about for decades by Stalin’s agents—finally sets the record straight. For Jerome Charyn, Babel is the writer who epitomizes the vibrancy, violence, and tragedy of literature in the twentieth century. In *Savage Shorthand*, Charyn has turned his own lifelong obsession with Babel into a dazzling and original literary work.

**Hope Against Hope** Indiana University Press  
Briefly traces the Russian poet's life and presents translations of his poems about mortality, silence, nature, chance, politics, and exile

The Eyesight of Wasps Harvill Secker

A brilliant weave of personal involvement, vivid biography and political insight, *Koba the Dread* is the successor to Martin Amis’s award-winning memoir, *Experience*. *Koba the Dread* captures the appeal of one of the most powerful belief systems of the 20th century — one that spread through the world, both captivating it and staining it red. It addresses itself to the central lacuna of 20th-century thought: the indulgence of Communism by the intellectuals of the West. In between the personal beginnings and the personal ending, Amis gives us perhaps the best one-hundred pages ever written about Stalin: *Koba the Dread*, *Iosif the Terrible*. The author’s father, Kingsley Amis, though later reactionary in tendency, was a “Comintern dogsbody” (as he would come to put it) from 1941 to 1956. His second-closest, and then his closest friend (after the death of the poet Philip Larkin), was Robert Conquest, our leading Sovietologist whose book of 1968, *The Great Terror*, was second only to Solzhenitsyn’s *The Gulag Archipelago* in undermining the USSR. The present memoir explores these connections. Stalin said that the death of one person was tragic, the death of a million a mere “statistic.” *Koba the Dread*, during whose course the author absorbs a particular, a familial death, is a rebuttal of Stalin’s aphorism.

Hope Against Hope Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press

Three of the strongest voices of the “Babylon Generation,” named for the Russian journal that began publishing their work

Journey into the Whirlwind Simon and Schuster  
If modernism marked, as some critics claim, an “apocalypse of cultural community,” then Osip Mandelstam (1891-1938) must rank among its most representative figures. Born to Central European Jews in Warsaw on the cusp of the modern age, he could claim neither Russian nor European traditions as his birthright. Describing the poetic movement he helped to found, Acmeism, as a “yearning for world culture,” he defined the impulse that charges his own poetry and prose. Clare Cavanagh has written a sustained study placing Mandelstam’s “remembrance and invention” of a usable poetic past in the context of modernist writing in general, with particular attention to the work of T. S. Eliot and Ezra Pound. Cavanagh traces Mandelstam’s creation of

tradition from his earliest lyrics to his last verses, written shortly before his arrest and subsequent death in a Stalinist camp. Her work shows how the poet, generalizing from his own dilemmas and disruptions, addressed his epoch’s paradoxical legacy of disinheritance—and how he responded to this unwelcome legacy with one of modernism’s most complex, ambitious, and challenging visions of tradition. Drawing on not only Russian and Western modernist writing and theory, but also modern European Jewish culture, Russian religious thought, postrevolutionary politics, and even silent film, Cavanagh traces Mandelstam’s recovery of a “world culture” vital, vast, and varied enough to satisfy the desires of the quintessential outcast modernist.

*Hope Abandoned* Ann Arbor, Mich : Ardis  
Many readers may know that such writers as F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence used their marriages for literary inspiration and material. In Russian literary marriages, these women did not resent taking a secondary position, although to call their position secondary does not do justice to the vital role these women played in the creation of some of the greatest literary works in history. From Sofia Tolstoy to Vera Nabokov and Elena Mandelshtam and Natalya Solzhenitsyn, these women ranged from stenographers and typists to editors, researchers, translators, and even publishers. Living under restrictive regimes, many of these women battled censorship and preserved the writers’ illicit archives, often risking their own lives to do so. They established a tradition all their own, unmatched in the West. Many of these women, like Vera and Sofia, were the writers’ intellectual companions and willingly contributed to the creative process—they commonly used the word “we” to describe the progress of their husbands’ work. And their husbands knew it too. Leo Tolstoy made no secret of Sofia’s involvement in *War and Peace*, and Vladimir Nabokov referred to Vera as his own “single shadow.”

Armenian Golgotha W. W. Norton & Company

Clarence Brown's marvelous collection introduces readers to the most resonant voices of twentieth-century Russia. It includes stories by Chekhov, Gorky, Bunin, Zamyatin, Babel, Nabokov, Solzhenitsyn, and Voinovich; excerpts from Andrei Bely's *Petersburg*, Mikhail Bulgakov's *The Master and Margarita*, Boris Pasternak's *Dr. Zhivago*, and Sasha Solokov's *A School for Fools*; the complete text of Yuri Olesha's 1927 masterpiece *Envy*; and poetry by Alexander Blok, Anna Akhmatova, and Osip Mandelstam. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary

authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

*The Use of Man* Hope Against Hope

On April 24, 1915, Grigoris Balakian was arrested along with some 250 other leaders of Constantinople’s Armenian community. It was the beginning of the Ottoman Empire’s systematic attempt to eliminate the Armenian people from Turkey—a campaign that continued through World War I and the fall of the empire. Over the next four years, Balakian would bear witness to a seemingly endless caravan of blood, surviving to recount his miraculous escape and expose the atrocities that led to over a million deaths. Armenian Golgotha is Balakian’s devastating eyewitness account—a haunting reminder of the first modern genocide and a controversial historical document that is destined to become a classic of survivor literature.

The Whisperers Free Press

Three childhood friends reunite to transform Ecuador only find their idealism has succumbed to the cynicism of their fathers.

**Stone** Princeton University Press

'There is a salubrious élan about much of the book, and the fact that it is a book, not just a selection the significant poems, amplifies our sense of what Stone really means to its contemporary readers' Seamus Heaney 'What makes Robert Tracy's book invaluable is his feeling for context...Another thing that comes across in these translations is the verve and immediacy of the poems' occasions, recalling the Acmeist programme of 'this-worldliness': there are poems about tennis and ice-cream and silent movies, poems that seem to jump into being on impulse' Seamus Heaney, *London Review of Books* 'A blend of classical serenity and brash iconoclasm. This is a splendid introduction to a poet who should be known thoroughly' G.E.

Murray, *Chicago Sun Times* 'Professor Tracy has done a superb job. His introduction is excellent, his notes are very comprehensive...and his verse translations are remarkably good. All one can say is "Thank you"' *Irish Times* When Stone appeared in 1913, it marked the debut of one of Russia's greatest twentieth-century poets. Precision, clarity and concreteness, a concern with form and fascination with European culture, especially architecture, were touchstones for the young poet and remained so for the rest of his extraordinary writing life. This bilingual edition, based on the most complete edition of 1928, was published, alongside *The Collected Critical Prose and Letters*, to mark Mandelstam's centenary in 1991. *Cultural Amnesia: Necessary Memories from History and the Arts* Penguin

Best known for her classic book *Green Thoughts: A Writer in the Garden*, Eleanor Perényi led a worldly life before settling down in Connecticut. *More Was Lost* is a memoir of her youth abroad, written in the early days of World War II, after her return to the United States. In 1937, at the age of nineteen, Perényi falls in love with a poor Hungarian baron and in short order acquires both a title and a struggling country estate at the edge of the Carpathians. She throws herself into this life with zeal, learning Hungarian and observing the invisible order of the Czech rule, the resentment of the native Ruthenians, and the haughtiness of the dispossessed Hungarians. In

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the midst of massive political upheaval, Perényi and her husband remain steadfast in their dedication to their new life, an alliance that will soon be tested by the war. With old-fashioned frankness and wit, Perényi recounts this poignant tale of how much was gained and how much more was lost.

*Relocations* New York Review of Books

It's 1921. Ireland has been at war with Britain for two years. When Polly's brother Leo returns from war, it's like he's turned into a different person.

After he turns violent, Polly runs away to Helen's Hope hostel in Belfast, where Catholic and Protestant girls live and work together while around them Ireland is at war with itself. But some people hate Helen's Hope because of what it stands for. How can a few girls stand up to hatred -- when some of it comes from within their own walls?

And when the hostel is violently attacked, how can Polly keep hope alive?

*A Voice from the Chorus* Penguin Classics

James Greene's acclaimed translations of the poetry of Osip Mandelshtam, now in an extensively revised and augmented edition.

**More Was Lost** Simon and Schuster

This edition combines two previous separate editions of *The Moscow Notebooks* and *The Voronezh Notebooks* published by Bloodaxe. *The Moscow Notebooks* cover his years of persecution (1930-34), when he was arrested for writing an unflattering poem about Stalin. In Voronezh he broke a silence of 18 months, writing the 90 poems of the *Voronezh Notebooks*.

[Mandelstam](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

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