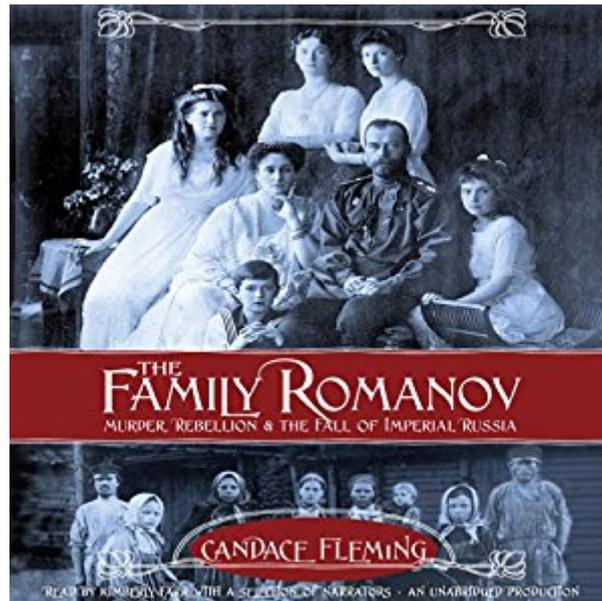


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# The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, And The Fall Of Imperial Russia



## Synopsis

From the acclaimed author of *Amelia Lost* and *The Lincolns* comes more nonfiction at its very best - and a perfect resource for meeting Common Core standards. Here is the riveting story of the Russian Revolution as it unfolded. When Russia's last tsar, Nicholas II, inherited the throne in 1894, he was unprepared to do so. With their four daughters (including Anastasia) and only son, a hemophiliac, Nicholas and his reclusive wife, Alexandra, buried their heads in the sand, living a life of opulence as World War I raged outside their door and political unrest grew. Deftly maneuvering between the lives of the Romanovs and the plight of Russia's peasants - and their eventual uprising - Fleming offers up a fascinating portrait, complete with compelling primary-source material that brings it all to life. History doesn't get more interesting than the story of the Romanovs.

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## Customer Reviews

A treat for history buffs in general and specifically for those interested in Tsarist/Czarist history as I am. The three stories are: 1. A story of the intimate lives of the Romanov family itself. 2. A description of the events from the worker strikes of 1905 until Vladimir Lenin took power in 1917. 3. An observation of the life of the average man/ a peasant at the turn of the 20th century and how it contrasted with the lives of the very wealthy, particularly the Tsar and his extended family. The book is of moderate length with two separate groupings of approximately 70 Black & White plates showing the most interesting characters discussed in the narrative. The chapter lengths are quite short with easy to read narrative and a dearth of long and obfuscatory words, so that it would be

suitable for middle school readers and others especially interested in Russian History. This narrative history is further divided into four sections: Part One: Before the Storm Part Two: Dark Clouds Gathering Part Three: The Storm Breaks Part Four: Final Days The author thought to include a rather extensive bibliography, a more than adequate index, and a page of references for internet sites that also enable further study and a lot more pictures of the times and characters discussed. Most people would agree that the murder of the Tsar and his entire family and some of his entourage along with Anastasia's pet dog was a heinous and brutal crime, yet the author takes great pains and showing that Tsar Nicholas and his wife Tsarina Alexandra or Alix in German [she directly came from the house of ZHesse in Germany] and both she and Nicky were grandchildren of Queen Victoria of England and also cousins.

Brought to you by OBS reviewer Kayt This book brings the history of the Romanovs (the last Russian royal family) to life in photos and wonderfully written insights. We get to see inside the family with intimate first person accounts of this tragic family. The photos are truly amazing and enlightening. Reading this well written book gives us a true vision into the before, during, and after events that brought down this family. As well as the events that forever changed the face of Russia. It is really interesting to see not only the history of the family, but also the information on the state of Russia, its citizens and their view of royalty in the face of war and the devastation that drove the peasants to revolt. Nicholas II and his family were not prepared for inheriting the throne in 1894. His wife wanted to live the opulent life, but deal with none of the responsibilities. Their daughters Marie, Tatiana, Olga and of course Anastasia are brought to life in snippets of fun and real life. The citizens of Russia are heard from in their own accounts and that really brings it to life. And let's not forget that famous mystic Rasputin is in this true tale. So many stories, fictional and non have been written about Rasputin and Anastasia that it is nice to hear the historical facts. This book is written to satisfy Common Core Standards and therefore written for young adults. It is lively and easy to read. A big feat for me since I have a very hard time reading non-fiction these days. If I can get through it and enjoy it, I am sure history buffs will devour it. The layout of the book is friendly and entertaining. Nothing is dragged out so that you get bored or forget what you read. Yep that happens to me.

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