

Winter Is Coming by Garry Kasparov

- Are you interested in understanding current global political trends?
- Do you value freedom and democracy?
- Are you drawn to personal stories of resilience and courage?
- Are you looking for a blend of history, personal narrative, and political theory?

Winter Is Coming is written by Garry Kasparov, a famous chess master and political activist. The book criticises Vladimir Putin's rise to power in Russia and his influence on the world. Kasparov talks about the early 1990s in Russia, a time when people were hopeful because the Soviet Union had just ended. But, this hope faded when Putin became the leader. The book explains how Putin brought back strict control in Russia, limiting freedom for the press and people. Kasparov points out that Western countries haven't done enough to stop Putin's aggressive moves, like taking over Crimea. He calls for world leaders to take a stronger stand against leaders like Putin to keep democracy safe everywhere.

"Winter Is Coming" might not only provide valuable insights but also empower you with knowledge to discuss and address critical global issues.

Reviews and Criticisms:

- The book has been praised for its impassioned narrative and deep personal insight into Russian politics. Reviewers commend Kasparov for his unique perspective as both a former Soviet citizen and a political dissident.
- Critics, however, have pointed out that the book sometimes reads more like a personal vendetta against Putin rather than a balanced political analysis. Some argue that Kasparov's direct involvement might affect his objectivity.

- Others have noted that while the book makes strong points about the dangers of appeasement, it is less clear about practical, specific steps that Western governments can take beyond general assertions of being more assertive.