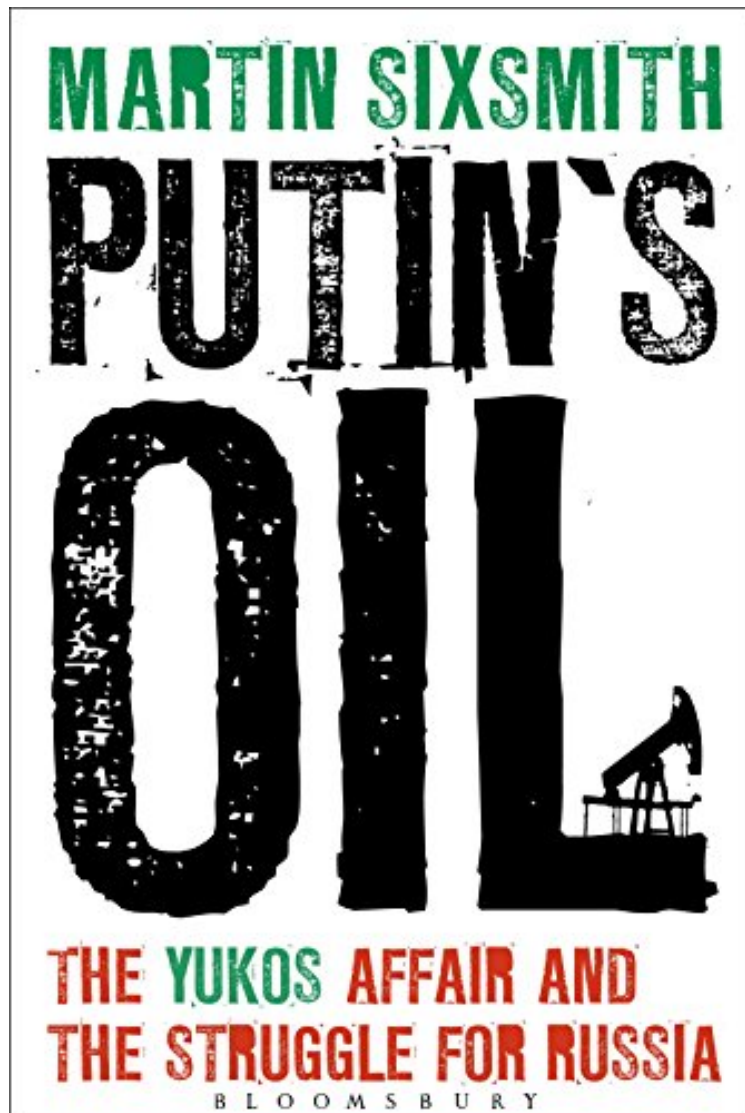


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this book. He couldn't quite hide he's an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. Khodorkovsky, which entirely backfires any analysis deprived of biased opinion. He delivers a quite confusing oversimplification of the real characters of Vladimir Putin and the ex-Yukos head Mikhail Khodorkovsky in this ultimate Russian power struggle, by characterizing Mr. Khodorkovsky as the Russian version of Saint Francis against the "disheartened" Vladimir Putin. Let's be clear once and for all: both guys are extremely tough, without any personal saintliness, playing at the very highest stakes for the command of Russian power, with full intensity, no room for mercy and each one knowing perfectly well that only one of them would come out of it victorious, albeit a pyrrhic win, and the defeated side completely destroyed. Although it seems not to be the case, it was a fair fight, both of them using every means available: Putin won and Khodorkovsky lost. Once introduced to the gruesome, cruel and grey world of Russian politics, one can't be misled that an epic battle between the two most powerful men in Russia to date would simply end up with hugs, smiles and flowers thrown at each other. I definitely think Mr. Sixsmith hasn't made it to understand this crucial point in the Russian political atmosphere, albeit his so-called long living in the former Soviet Union and Russia. Due to the reasons above, I wouldn't really recommend this book...1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. MUST READ!By Patricia C.FACINTING! Well written. Cant stop telling my friends to read Putin. I do not want to spend one penny on traveling to Russia untill he is out of office and his friends (who do his dirty work are gone. Thank you for this current, historical, factual, booi.

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