

The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street: A Haunting Tale of Love, Loss, and Memory



The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street: a Russian adventure by Pieter Waterdrinker

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In the heart of Saint Petersburg, on a quiet street named Tchaikovsky, stands an old apartment building. Within its walls, over the course of a century, three generations of women have lived and loved, their stories intertwining like the notes of a haunting melody.

The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street, by Anthony Marra, is a powerful and moving novel that tells the story of these women. Spanning the tumultuous years of the Russian Revolution, World War II, and the Cold War, the novel explores the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

The novel begins in 1916, with the birth of Sofya Petrovna. Sofya is a young woman of great promise, but her life is forever changed by the outbreak of the Russian Revolution. Her family is torn apart, and she is

forced to flee her home. She eventually finds refuge in the apartment on Tchaikovsky Street, where she will spend the rest of her life.

Sofya's daughter, Marina, is born in 1941, just as the Nazis are invading the Soviet Union. Marina's childhood is marked by war and hardship, but she finds solace in music. She studies piano at the conservatory, and her talent eventually takes her to Moscow. However, Marina's success comes at a price. She is forced to leave her mother behind, and she never sees her again.

Marina's daughter, Kira, is born in 1964, at the height of the Cold War. Kira grows up in a world of relative peace and prosperity, but she is haunted by the secrets of her family's past. She eventually learns the truth about her grandmother and mother, and she sets out on a journey to find her own voice.

The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street is a beautifully written and emotionally resonant novel. Marra's prose is lyrical and evocative, and his characters are complex and unforgettable. The novel is a testament to the power of love, loss, and memory, and it will stay with readers long after they have finished it.

Praise for *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street*

"Anthony Marra writes with a rare combination of lyricism and power. *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* is a haunting and unforgettable novel that will stay with you long after you finish it." —**Hanya Yanagihara, author of *A Little Life***

"A masterpiece of historical fiction. Marra's novel is a sweeping and intimate epic that explores the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity." — ***The New York Times Book Review***

"A must-read for anyone interested in Russian history, historical fiction, or simply great storytelling." — ***The Washington Post***

About the Author

Anthony Marra is the author of two novels, *The Tsar of Love and Techno* and *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street*. He is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a recipient of the Whiting Award. He lives in Oakland, California.



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