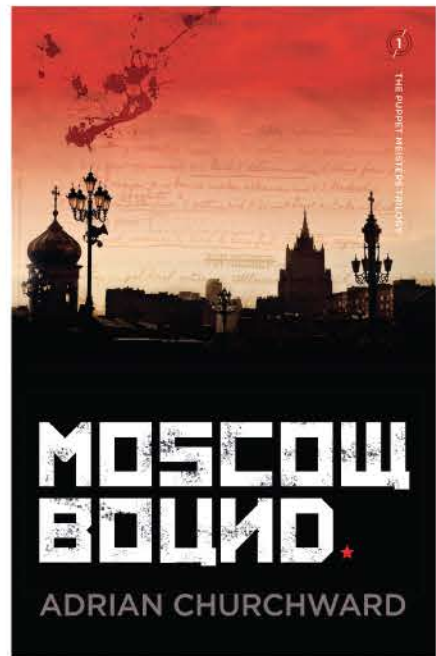


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An Inside View of the Moscow Mindset

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The years 1984 to 1998 witnessed events taking place in the former Soviet Union/Russia that changed the world forever. Adrian Churchward was one of the first East-West trade lawyers to live and work in Moscow, Budapest and Prague during this period of intense political unrest. His debut novel *Moscow Bound* is partially inspired by his experience. He says:

"The rhetoric coming out the current Ukrainian crisis shows that Russia and the West have learnt little from the tensions and polarizations of the Cold War. *Moscow Bound* explores this legacy and how sometimes the electors have a clearer understanding of what's best for them than the elected."

When Ekaterina Romanova asks Scott Mitchell, a young English human rights lawyer, to find the father she's never met she couldn't have foreseen the danger she would find herself in. Ekaterina believes her father has been languishing for decades without trial in the Gulag system and Scott, though already being intimidated by the authorities, agrees to help. Meanwhile, General Pravda of military intelligence, though an advocate of transparency, is determined to protect a covert operation that he's been running for years. He hinders Ekaterina and Scott at every turn and lawyer and client are forced to go on the run for a murder they didn't commit. As they descend into the Hades that is the world of international realpolitik Scott is compelled to reconsider his own values, and Pravda's life's work disintegrates, when Scott uncovers a 50 year-old Cold War secret, which both the Russian and US governments are still trying to hide from the public domain.

Author Adrian Churchward was one of the few Western lawyers working in the day-to-day arena of President Gorbachev's liberalisation process of perestroika and glasnost, and which ultimately resulted in the collapse of communism and disintegration of the Soviet Union. In 1991, he witnessed the abortive coup against Gorbachev and in 1993, he was again present in Moscow when Yeltsin ordered the shelling of the Russian parliament building, aka the "The Russian White House". For more information about Adrian visit www.adrianchurchward.com, www.facebook.com/puppetmasters1 and <https://twitter.com/abchurchward>

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Feature/discussion suggestions:

- Perestroika and glasnost in action in the 1980s.
- The lack of the rule of law in modern day Russia.
- Is Russia xenophobic or just protecting its national interest?
- The "game" of geopolitics and its effect on the people.

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