

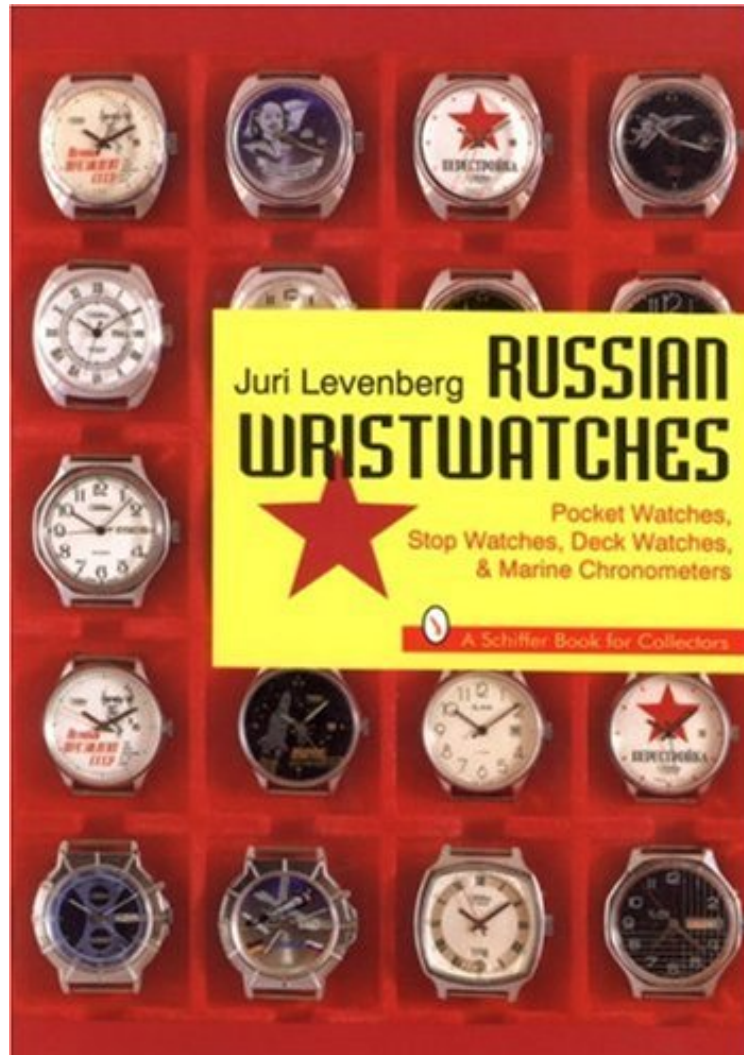
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Juri Levenberg : Russian Wristwatches: Pocket Watches, Stop Watches, Deck Watches Marine Chronometers (A Schiffer Book for Collectors) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Russian Wristwatches: Pocket Watches, Stop Watches, Deck Watches Marine Chronometers (A Schiffer Book for Collectors):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Valuable ReferenceBy David A. DuffThis is an excellent volume. As with any work of this sort, it should be recognized for what it is, and what it is not. It is a photographic and

descriptive summary of Levenberg's collection. Its scope is wide-ranging, encompassing chronometers, deck clocks, wrist- and pocket-watches. The photographs are excellent. I would prefer they all be in color, but we can't always get what we want, as The Rolling Stones reminded us ;). The descriptions are quite adequate, though some could use a little more information. I refer to this work almost daily (no kidding). Even so, I am still not at full ease with its layout. If I had my way, it would be sectioned off according to make: all Vostoks together, all Slavass together, etc. Trying to find a Komandirskie amid Slavass and Amphibias is a bit time consuming, but I was not contacted about the format when it was written. This author obviously had a plan and executed it. It is my place to adapt. And I have. Now, on to what this volume is not. It is not all-inclusive. It is not a catalog of every watch ever made by the Soviets/Russians. I have many watches which are not in this book just as he has many which I have never seen. Nor is this a buyer's or seller's guide. Although the book has a price guide, it is 17 years out of date. That being said, it is interesting to see what the prices were then compared to today's economy. It would be nice to have an expanded, updated version but I am sure production costs are a consideration weighed against the market demand of such an undertaking. The translation page at the back is a nice addition. The exploded diagrams/drawings are a wonderful bonus, as are the short descriptions of each manufacturer. I highly recommend this book to everyone with an interest in Soviet/Russian watches. It makes a great addition to the library, but even more, it imparts a lot of information in a small area. Well worth its price, and worthy of an update. Juri, if you are reading this, consider a Kindle-type of update.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice Book, but.....By Russell Pereira
Nice compact size. Information about pictured/featured watches doesn't include the diameter of the watches, which I would have considered vital for a book of this type. A second disappointment is that every second page is in black and white. The only other point of contention has been voiced by a prior reviewer, is that the pricing is outdated.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Ok, but could be better
By Heldal I originally bought the book to learn more about Russian watches. However, as clearly stated in the introduction, they don't waste space with pretty stories. Basically, this is an image archive of different types of watches. In itself, such a reference guide could be quite handy. However, only a small subset of watches are covered - this is understandable, but classics like the original Shturmanskie isn't there at all - and I had to look hard to find the Okean. Another drawback is that most of the pictures are black and white. This was probably done to save money, but it greatly lessens the book's usability as a reference guide. The lack of descriptions also makes it not much more than a last resort when trying to check if a watch you're considering to buy is original or not. The book does have some more detailed imagery of certain movements, but in total I find it incomplete and disappointing. If you're looking for a reference guide, get another (and bigger) book.

Twentieth century Russian wristwatches are too costly for many native buyers, but they are still inexpensive for Western Collectors, and are becoming extremely popular. Watch faces commemorate all the great moments of Russian and Soviet history - from Yuri Gagarin's space flight to the Summit meeting between Gorbachev and George Bush - and celebrate Russian culture with images of native costumes from Chechnya to the Ukraine. Collectors have long clamored for a definitive reference and this new book will satisfy even the most avid enthusiast, with photographs of over 500 watches manufactured in Russia and the USSR during the second half of this century, and explanations of their styles, workings, and manufacturers. Poljot, Wostok, and Slava wristwatches are covered, along with a sampling of pocket watches, deck watches, and marine chronometers. This book is a must for serious collectors in the growing field of Russian timekeepers.

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