



## The Winter Palace: A Novel of Catherine the Great

By Eva Stachniak

Bantam. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 480 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 5.2in. x 1.2in. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Wall Street Journal The Washington Post From award-winning author Eva Stachniak comes this passionate novel that illuminates, as only fiction can, the early life of one of history's boldest women. The Winter Palace tells the epic story of Catherine the Great's improbable rise to power as seen through the ever-watchful eyes of an all-but-invisible servant close to the throne. Her name is Barbarina Russian, Varvara. Nimble-witted and attentive, she's allowed into the employ of the Empress Elizabeth, amid the glitter and cruelty of the world's most eminent court. Under the tutelage of Count Bestuzhev, Chancellor and spymaster, Varvara will be educated in skills from lock picking to lovemaking, learning above all else to listen and to wait for opportunity. That opportunity arrives in a slender young princess from Zerbst named Sophie, a playful teenager destined to become the indomitable Catherine the Great. Sophie's destiny at court is to marry the Empress's nephew, but she has other, loftier, more dangerous ambitions, and she proves to be more guileful than she first appears. What Sophie needs is an insider at...



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