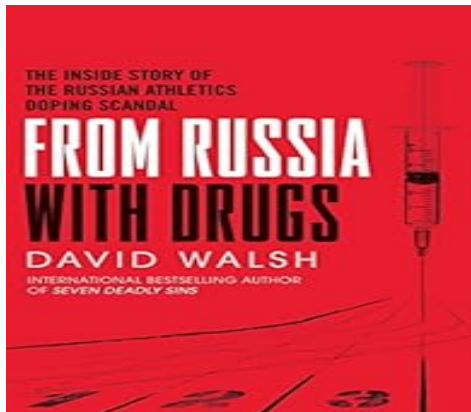


The Russian Affair: The True Story of the Couple who Uncovered the Greatest Sporting Scandal By David Walsh is 'rare and gripping' Matt Dickinson The Times It was the story that shocked the Russian athletics was revealed to be corrupt from top to bottom with institutionalised doping used to help the nation's athletes win medals they did not deserve. She admitted she was doping and that everyone else was doping and she let him know that she came from a dark place ... It could all have brought a very swift end to a very hasty marriage but gradually the Stepanovs began to realise that whatever you did the system in Russia was stacked against you. The result of their investigative work sent shockwaves around the planet and led to Russia's athletes being banned from world sport while the Stepanovs themselves had to go into hiding. But at the centre of it all is a quietly determined couple who knew that if they stood together they could shine a light on a corrupt system and bring it crashing to the ground,



Great story I thought the book dragged it out too much, English A brilliant piece of work lacking only one thing it cannot really influence - a stronger catharsis: English LONGLISTED FOR THE WILLIAM HILL SPORTS BOOK OF THE YEAR PRIZE 2020'Reads like a thriller or even a spy novel: Walsh keeps you gripped' Rosamund Urwin Sunday Times'A turbulent but ultimately inspiring tale . But the full story of the couple who blew the whistle has never been told - until now, When Russian anti-doping official Vitaly Stepanov met the young 800m athlete Yuliya Rusanova for him it was love at first sight : But there was a problem - in fact there were lots of problems. In the end the only ones they could rely upon were each other. Fully aware of the risks they were taking they decided to turn the tables on those who had manipulated them and cheated the sporting world , The Russian Affair is a gripping true-life drama that at times reads like a spy novel and at others like an epic love story. The Russian Affair: The True Story of the Couple who Uncovered the Greatest Sporting Scandal.

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