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This is Rabinowitch's conclusion and is a refreshing counterpoint to the ideologically-driven anti-Bolshevik school led by Richard Pipes and Robert Conquest. Of how physically isolated and often politically ignored Lenin; of how reluctant the Central Committee was to act most of the time. Although the writing gets dense at times, those interested in the subject will find a fascinating wealth of information on Professor Rabinowitch has written another engrossing history of the Bolshevik Party in revolution.

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. The book covers issues such as the rapid fall of influential moderate Bolsheviks, the formation of the dreaded Cheka, the dissolution of the Constituent Assembly, the Red Terror, the national government's flight to Moscow, and the subsequent rivalry between Russia's new and old capitals.

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Still, the accumulation of information from recently opened archives presented in this book is alone enough to make it important.

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Agitators and members of strike committees were subject to immediate arrest. . Carr's equally necessary History of the Russian Revolution volumes which deal a lot more with broad developments and discussions in the upper levels.

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Raleigh Rabinowitch demonstrates total mastery of the rich source material; a stunning command of politics during a time of crisis, turmoil, and shifting allegiances; confident, crystal-clear prose; originality; and profound appreciation of the circumstances in which his protagonists found themselves. Rabinovich directly challenges the Leninist myth of the united, disciplined, centrally controlled party dear to both sides of the Cold War era.

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Rebels into rulers -- 3. It will serve, for years to come, as an essential reference point for the study of the political and social aftermath of the overthrow of the bourgeois Provisional Government and the establishment of the Bolshevik regime. Explains in a detailed way the politics of Bolsheviks vis-a-vis other revolutionary and counterrevolutionary parties and how the initial soviet democracy transformed to a one-party dictatorship by the Bolsheviks.

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Realistically, however, Rabinowitch does not idealize these moderates nor overindulge the what-ifs of historiography. Documents the Bolshevik assault on soviet democracy and the opposition. A very useful history of the Russian revolution in the sense that it really deals with the details, rather than just the outlines and key developments.

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