





RISE AND FALL OF THE RUSSIAN OLIGARCHS (The)

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Back in 2001, Vladimir Putin's inauguration had been a ceremony fit for a king...a Czar.
Putin looked like a man who knew he was about to rule the great empire of Russia! He went on to govern almost single-handedly, controlling the Parliament (Duma) and changing the constitution as he wished. Although he had abolished most independent media and free speech in Russia, his most vicious war was against the men who brought him to power, hunting down the richest and most successful businessmen of Russia, putting them in jail and confiscating their corporations. Putin's war aimed to reclaiming what he viewed as state property stolen by illegal means and manipulations.
Boris Berezovsky, Putin's archrival resides in London, fighting an extradition order issued by the Russian state. Berezovsky, a multi-billionaire who just a few years ago helped to crown Putin as Russia's leader, now seeks to overthrow him. Berezovksy believes he is fighting the "new Czar", as many Russians refer to Putin, in the name of democracy and Free Enterprise. With unprecedented access we can chart for the first time the full landscape of this war, told as a living drama and narrated by its main protagonists.

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