



## Chekhov: Scenes From a Life

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Free Press. 1 Paperback(s), 2004. soft. Book Condition: New. What made Anton Chekhov tick? What served as a source of creative inspiration in his life? What moved him? In answering these questions, British Russian scholar Rosamund Bartlett focuses on the writer's intimate relationship with the places where he lived and traveled: Taganrog and the southern Russian steppes, Moscow, Petersburg, Siberia, the French Riviera, and Yalta, all of which enthralled him. By looking at his life through the prism of these landscapes, Bartlett presents unique insights into this most enigmatic writer, and restores the humor and warmth to a man too often seen as merely melancholic."Bartlett calls her biography 'deliberately impressionistic,' which is an apt description, since she organizes it by place, from her subject's childhood on the steppes to Moscow, the far reaches of Siberia and beyond. The book succeeds in ways that chronological biographies cannot. Using Chekhov's correspondence with relatives, editors and friends, as well as a knowledge of the geography and history of the Russian empire, Bartlett brings an era to life."Publishers Weekly 395.

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