



The Eitingons: A Twentieth-Century Story

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Verso. 1 Cloth(s), 2010. hard. Book Condition: New. In this stunning family saga that mixes the fur trade, psychoanalysis, and Trotsky, Leonid Eitingon was a KGB assassin who dedicated his life to the Soviet regime. He was in China in the early 1920s, in Turkey in the late 1920s, in Spain during their civil war, and in Mexico when the ousted Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky was murdered under Stalin's orders. Max Eitingon was a psychoanalyst (a colleague, friend and protégé of Freud's) who was rich, secretive, and through his friendship with a famous Russian singer implicated in the abduction of a White Russian general in 1937 Paris. Motty Eitingon, a New York fur trader with Soviet connections, and the biggest in the world, was imprisoned by the Bolsheviks and questioned by the FBI. And Mary-Kay Wilmers, longtime editor of the London Review of Books and their descendant, began looking into aspects of her remarkable family 20 years ago. The result is a book of astonishing scope that throws light into some of the darkest corners of the last century. 476.

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