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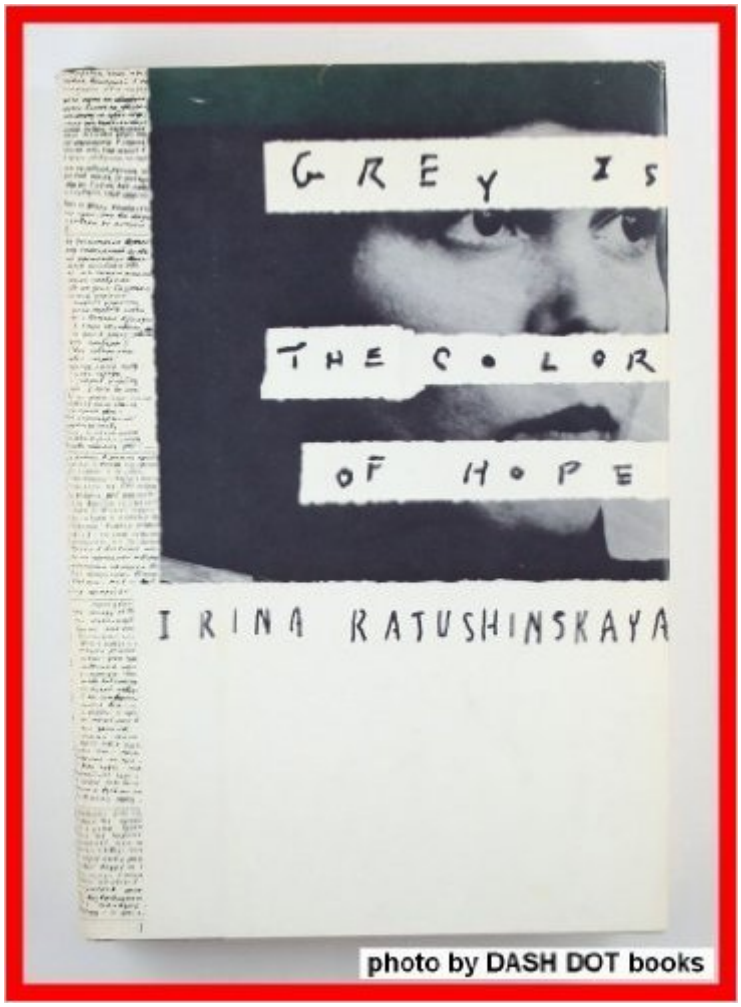

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I found the novel not only to be beautifully written and inspiring but also very educational. It describes what commonly happened in the Soviet Union to people like Irina Ratushinskaya. It is hard to believe that life in prison can be filled with hope, friendship and such morality. The novel is a testament to the stregnth of a human spirit.

I started reading this book after finding it in my gramma’s book shelf. I’m not a big book reader, but I couldn’t stop reading this. It really shows the hardships of prison. Each page shows compassion, and strength, the depth and detail makes my heart go out to the women in the story. This novel left me in tears. It is one of the best novels ever written. Ratushinskaya is a wonderful writter.

There were several books in the Ronald Reagan Library that I noted that I would want to read. This isthe first one I was able to obtain. It is a heart-wrenching book of what took place during the Communism reign and how President Reagan refused to back down when the Communists were putting all intellectuals, etc in prisonsand torturing them.He was a part of helping this author and others to be released. I was amazed at the cleverness of the prisoners & their creative ways to thwart their captors and wassurprised at the humor and hope and good will these people shared

during dreadful days. Irina is now in the United States andcontinuing to teach and write.

Ratushinskaya, ther very accomplished poet and former Soviet exile, has produced here one of the most rspectable and well arranged books of all time. I expect it will go down as one of the most prominent and exceptional gifts of memoir for the entirety ofthe twentieth century. Unjustifiably charged in 1983 for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" (whatever that may actually mean is obviously conjectural)for her stance on human rights and opposition to persecution of personal religious freedom and conviction, Ratushinskaya was imprisoned with a sentence of seven years, four of which were filled. Her memoir here attests to a type of courage seldom seen in any era and exceed the sometimes absurd limitations imposed by politicoes as well, the genre of writing of such an ordeal. This book, along with the follow up ("In the Beginning") are highly impressionable, admirable and an answer to anyone who ever thought either one respected for their insights or convictions seldom put to paper such depth and maturity. I haveenormous repsect for her and can highly recommend to anyone this book.

Excellent, griping account of an eye-witness living under the ramifications of the oppressive thumb of communism. Should be a warning to those who think capitalism is not what they want for our country.

The book is one of my long time favourites and tells a quite sobering story of the author Irina’s experience as a "Political" sentenced to a labor camp. The product was decently packaged, arrived well faster than expected, and customer service was astounding. Great book, and definitely would purchase from these people again.

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