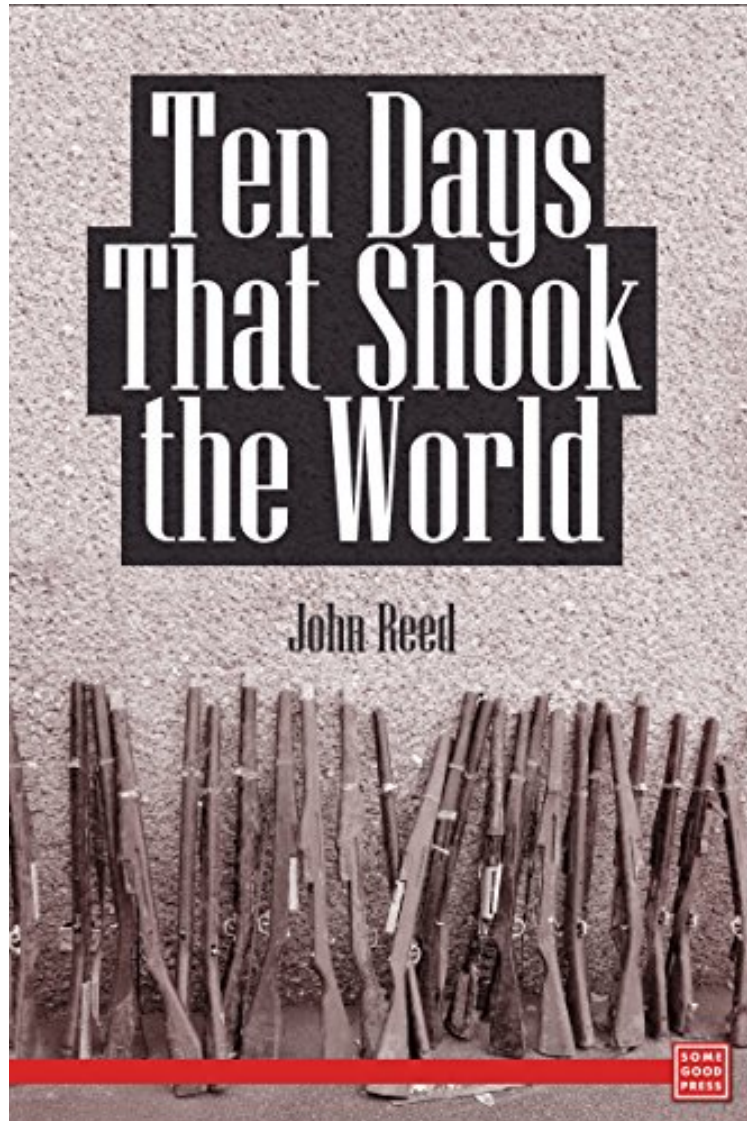


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**Von John Reed : Ten Days That Shook the World (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ten Days That Shook the World (English Edition):

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Von Ein KundeMr. Reed's depiction of the events in Petrograd leading up to the October Revolution was gripping, well-balanced and thoughtful. The book was not marred in the least by the fact that he was a well-known Communist. Those who perceived that are probably either ultra-anti-Communist or perhaps misinterpreted Mr. Reed's work. All in all, an excellent book.  
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Von Martin KuhnMore characters than a Tolstoy novel!This book has changed the way I read history -- it is more rewarding to read history than to read about history.  
John Reed's first person account of the Bolshevik Revolution has allowed me to formulate my own theories on how a political and social theory can reach critical mass and change the world and transform a nation.  
The revolution seems to have been like a wildfire or mania fueled by an unceasing supply of newspapers, propaganda and reports. The Russians would read anything and out of all of the varying ideas it was Lenin's that held sway. An amazing occurrence of political Darwinism.  
It is a stirring read in these ambivalent times and I do not think that Reed's intent was subversive, merely journalistic. This alone must have scared the pants off of the western capitalist class of the time.  
In light of what Russia is experiencing right now it holds the fascination of watching a car accident.

Kurzbeschreibung  
Ten Days That Shook the World has received mixed responses since its publication in 1919, resulting in a wide range of critical reviews from negative to positive. However, the book was overall positively received by critics at the time of its first publication, despite some critics vocal opposition to Reed's political beliefs. Reed followed many of the prominent Bolshevik leaders, especially Grigory Zinoviev and Karl Radek, closely during his time in Russia. John Reed died in 1920, shortly after the book was finished, and he is one of the few Americans buried at the Kremlin Wall Necropolis in Moscow, a site normally reserved only for the most prominent Soviet leaders.  
The situation in St. Petersburg was growing more and more tense. The People's Revolution had begun by overthrowing the corrupt Tsarist regime in March 1917, but the workers and the peasants felt the revolution had much farther to go. Tired of fighting a war that meant little to them, the soldiers also grew restless: "When the land belongs to the peasants, and the factories to the workers, and the power to the Soviets, then we'll know we have something to fight for, and we'll fight for it!" Lenin pressed the Bolsheviks to seize power. On the night of October 24, an organized mass of workers, soldiers, peasants, and sailors stormed the Winter Palace. On the following day, at the opening of the second Congress of Soviets, Trotsky announced the overthrow of the provisional government. Counterrevolutionary forces marched on the capital, but the Revolutionary Army triumphed. After all, "[t]his was their battle, for their world; the officers in command were elected by them. For the moment that incoherent multiple will was one will." In Ten Days That Shook the World John Reed tells the story of Red October and the Russian revolution from a unique, firsthand perspective. Reed, an American journalist, was on assignment in Russia for The Masses--then the principal radical journal in the United States--and spent his days walking the streets, reading and collecting handbills, newspapers, and posters, and talking to people. As a result, Ten Days crackles with energetic immediacy. At its best moments it reads like a novel: Reed recounts conversations and arguments, details political machinations, and speculates on personal motives. Though this is no mere piece of propaganda, Reed's enthusiasm for the revolution infuses the text (some readers may be put off by Reed's florid prose), casting each counterrevolutionary act in a negative light. Helpful notes flesh out the background for those less familiar with the preceding events and render this a solid work of history. Ten Days That Shook the World is a stirring account of a stirring event. --Sunny Delaney.com  
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