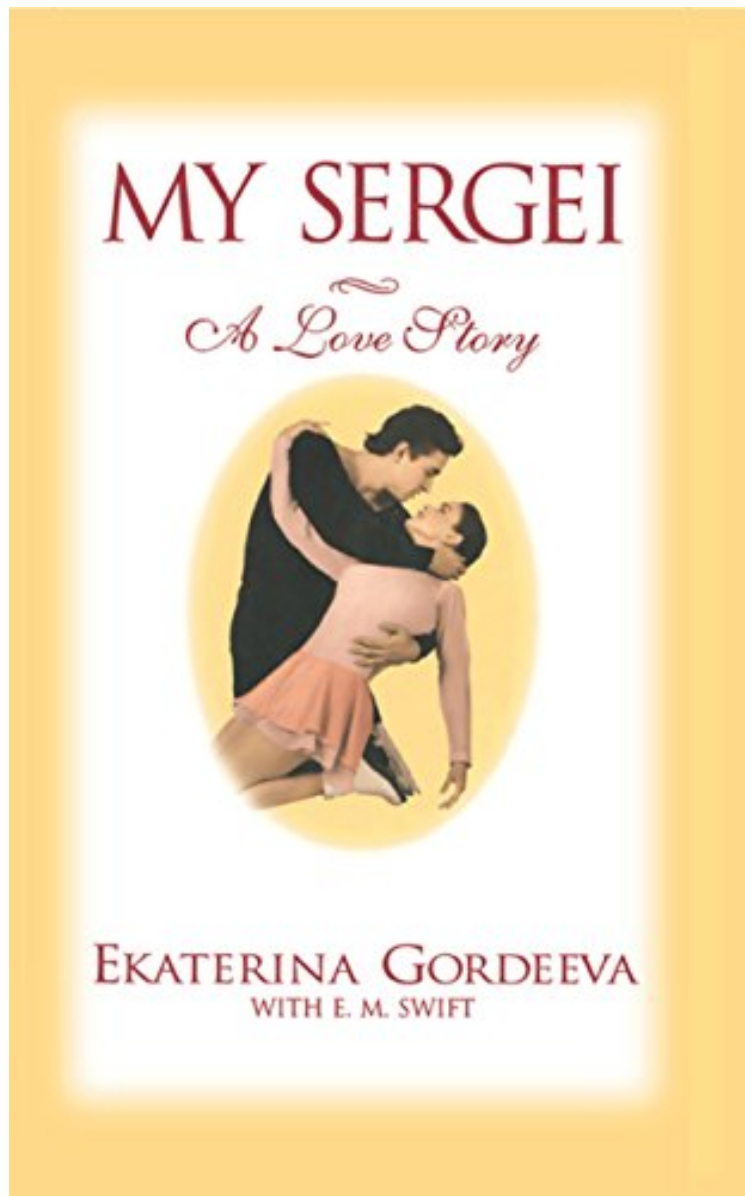


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Von Ekaterina Gordeeva, E. M. Swift : My Sergei: A Love Story (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Sergei: A Love Story (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Best and Most touching book Ive ever readVon Ein KundeI never really heard of Katia and Sergei until this book came out,

nut believe me I wish I would have. When you watched them skate THEY WERE PERFECT. What I thought that was really great about this book was that Katia didn't hold anything back, everything she said was so honest and so full of love. The first time I looked at the pictures in this book I didn't fall in love with Katya and Sergei, it was Dasha, she is the cutest little girl I've ever seen and I think that is very good for Katya to have Dasha. I thought the book touched on three main aspects of Katia's life and they were, her childhood, which she loved so much, her career, sometimes she gave too much for is the way she put it, and lastly her love of her family and the profound sadness that overwhelmed her at such a young age. It was the best book I think I've ever read and I would recommend it to anyone who loves to read and learn about true love and the life of two of the greatest athletes in the world. Katya if you ever read this, I just want you to know that I think what you did was so brave and so honest. What you did for Daria and Sergei probably means more to them than any award you could get on the ice. Keep up your skating and your love for Daria, because she needs you and all that you can give her. Even though you won't win another gold medal in pairs skating, your courage and dedication to Dasha and your love for Sergei deserves all the 6.0's I can give. Thank you for sharing your beautiful story with the world.

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Von MLZ In her book, "My Sergei," Olympic gold medalist Ekaterina Gordeeva (Katia, to her friends) shares the significant events in her life-- her family, experiences, thoughts and emotions, and life with and without her skating partner and husband, Sergei Grinkov. She tells her story in an open and friendly voice, so honest in its descriptions that it draws the reader in from the first paragraph and holds your attention throughout the novel. The memoir goes through Katia Gordeeva's early childhood and her experiences in the former Soviet Union, but mostly centers on the loving relationship between Katia and Sergei as they went from pairs skating partners to husband and wife, and later became parents with the birth of their daughter, Daria. Sergei's untimely death of heart disease on Nov. 20, 1995 brings the emotional rollercoaster to its lowest point, but with the help of friends and family, Katia proves herself to be a survivor endowed with enough strength and love to reach out even in the midst of her pain. Gordeeva and Grinkov's struggles for gold medals at the 1988 and 1994 Winter Olympics, their amateur and professional achievements in skating, and their close relationship to one another are wonderfully depicted in this novel. The political, technical and artistic elements of the sport of figure skating, usually so much of a mystery to the general public, are opened up with warm and gentle hands to be viewed and understood, perhaps better than any other figure skating book ever written. In assisting Katia with the writing of the novel, author E.M. Swift was wise enough not to embellish Katia's words beyond their intended meanings or simple depictions, while at the same time helping to clarify and enhance her vocabulary and voice. "My Sergei" is an enriching book on the depth and passion of love, and the strength of the human spirit under the most heart-wrenching and painful circumstances. It is truly a good read.

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Von Ein Kunde It is to her Sergei that Ekaterina Gordeeva writes this book. She writes it because she can no longer be silent. She writes it because she feels the urgent need to speak and tell us all about their life whether good or bad. Gordeeva's amazing writing voice creates a special tone of her own and an aura of a love lost, also hers to keep. She writes with all the honesty in her character, hiding nothing and telling it all. The content of My Sergei by Ekaterina Gordeeva is surprisingly detailed with small special memories from their childhood, after school years, and finally their married life. With a naiveté, uniquely her own, Gordeeva describes her life, first without Sergei, then including him in, then without Sergei again. As she talks about her Sergei, the softness and caress in her voice become clear. Then, describing her life alone with her little daughter, Daria, Gordeeva's voice changes again. She must be crying on the inside while she writes it for that is certainly the impression one receives from the reading. The tone of her voice is always reminiscent. She is no longer mad at life for losing Seriozha. That stage, however, must have come and gone. At this point in time, I think Gordeeva is trying to find her Sergei in her memories and doing so has the need to share her grief. She says she is trying to find herself by training again. She will someday, for such is life. That day, however, has not come yet, based on what she writes. She is still hopelessly in love with Sergei and even his death does not seem to have changed that. The impact of this book is momentous. Personally, she had showed me that there is, in fact, true love in the world although finding it is pure random dumb but very satisfying luck. She has also made it clear that even the loss of such love is possible to overcome. My Sergei by Ekaterina Gordeeva is over all an excellent book. It is very well written in Gordeeva's simple honest naive style. She writes about every detail she can remember from her life with her dear Seriozha, thus giving the reader a clear picture of her life with him and then her life alone.

Kurzbeschreibung The Olympic gold medalist offers a poignant, loving account of her life with her long-time partner and beloved husband, Sergei Grinkov, from their first introduction and successive world pairs skating championships, to their storybook romance and marriage, to the fatal heart attack that took Sergei's life.

From Booklist Even without its subtitle, this poignant story is likely to remind some readers of Eric Segal's Love Story. Both are tearjerkers, but this one really happened. Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov met in Russia when she was 11 and he was 15. Put together by the state as a skating duo, they went on to win world championships and gold medals. They also fell in

love. Gordeeva chronicles all of the glory and the romance, but it's only a prelude to the tragedy we know is coming. In 1995, after the couple married and became the parents of a daughter, Grinkov had a heart attack during a routine skating practice and died. Coauthor E. M. Swift captures Gordeeva's voice as well as the world-weariness the skater feels. Although she is back in the rink and taking care of her daughter, she says quite plainly that she has little interest in the future. "I'd like to live my life over again backward . . . any day I am living now, I'd exchange for a day in the past." Expect extensive promotion and widespread interest. The book will be illustrated with two eight-page color inserts and 40 black-and-white photos. Ilene Cooper

From Kirkus sThe jacket of this memoir seems to promise a fairy tale, as does the simple title. But, as everyone knows, there is no "happily ever after" in this story. Gordeeva and her husband, Sergei Grinkov, were two-time Olympic gold medalists in pairs skating who captured the world's heart with their fluid, flawless artistry and with the love that had developed between them (the two had started skating together when Gordeeva was only 11 and Grinkov 15). They married, had a daughter--and then, on Nov. 20, 1995, during a practice session, Grinkov collapsed on the ice and died soon after of a heart attack. Here the 25-year-old widow tells their story with a naive simplicity and innocence, lacking the womanly grace that embodied her love when she was on the ice with her husband. (16 pages color photos and 40 bw photos) (Literary Guild alternate selection; Doubleday Book Club featured alternate) -- Copyright 1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.