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The Man from the USSR and Other Plays

Человек из СССР [*Chelovek iz SSSR/The Man from the USSR*] was written in Berlin in 1925–26 according to Dmitri Nabokov's introductory note and in the fall of 1926 according to Boyd. It was published (first act only) in *Рулъ* [*Rul'/The rudder*], Berlin, on 1-Jan-1927. It was performed by Yuri Ofrosimov's Group Theater in Berlin on 1-Apr-1927. (See *VNTRY* 258, 263, 272–73.)

While immersed in work on *The Gift*, Nabokov made time to write *Событие* [*Sobytie/The event*] over four weeks in November and December 1938. It was premiered by the Russian Theater in Paris on 4-Mar-1938 and published in *Русские записки* [*Russkie zapiski/Russian annals*], Paris, in Apr-1938. (See *VNTRY* 446, 480–85, 486.)

Полос [*Polius/The pole*] was first completed on 8-Jul-1923 and then revised in Apr-1924. It appeared in two installments in *Rul'*: 14-Aug-1924 and 16-Aug-1924. (See *VNTRY* 209.)

Дедушка [*Dedushka/The grand-dad*] was finished on 30-Jun-1923 and printed in *Rul'* on 14-Oct-1923. (See *VNTRY* 209, 225.)

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- A55.1** *The Man from the USSR and Other Plays* FIRST EDITION (BRUCCOLI CLARK, HARCOURT BRACE JOVANOVICH), 14-Dec-1984, 1 issue
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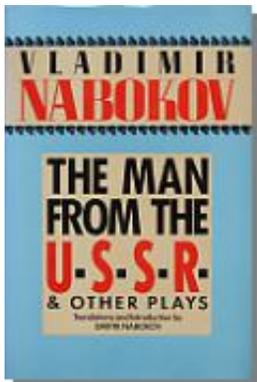
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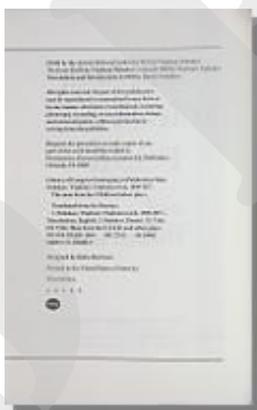
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- 1) † The Man from the USSR [Человек из СССР]
- 2) † The Event [Событие]
- 3) † The Pole [Полюс]
- 4) † The Grand-dad [Дедушка]
- 5) Playwriting
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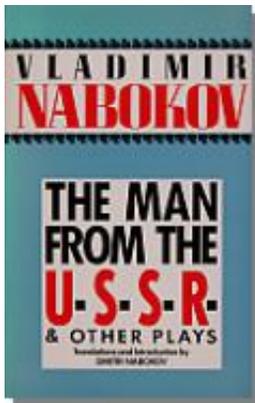
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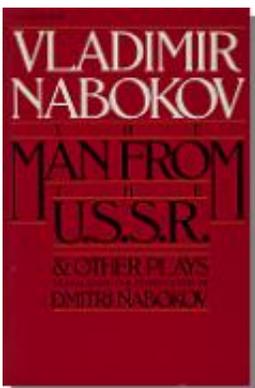


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