



Summer in Baden-Baden: A Novel

By Leonid G. Tsygkin

New Directions Publishing Corporation, United States, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 202 x 136 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Summer in Baden-Baden was acclaimed by The New York Review of Books as a short poetic masterpiece and by Donald Fanger in The Los Angeles Times as gripping, mysterious and profoundly moving. A complex, highly original novel, Summer in Baden-Baden has a double narrative. It is wintertime, late December: a species of now. A narrator Tsygkin is on a train going to Leningrad. And it is also mid-April 1867. The newly married Dostoyevskys, Fyodor, and his wife, Anna Grigor yevna, are on their way to Germany, for a four-year trip. This is not, like J. M. Coetzee's The Master of St. Petersburg, a Dostoyevsky fantasy. Neither is it a docu-novel, although its author was obsessed with getting everything right. Nothing is invented, everything is invented. Dostoyevsky's reckless passions for gambling, for his literary vocation, for his wife, are matched by her all-forgiving love, which in turn resonates with the love of literature's disciple, Leonid Tsygkin, for Dostoyevsky. In a remarkable introductory essay (which appeared in The New Yorker), Susan Sontag explains why it is something of a...



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