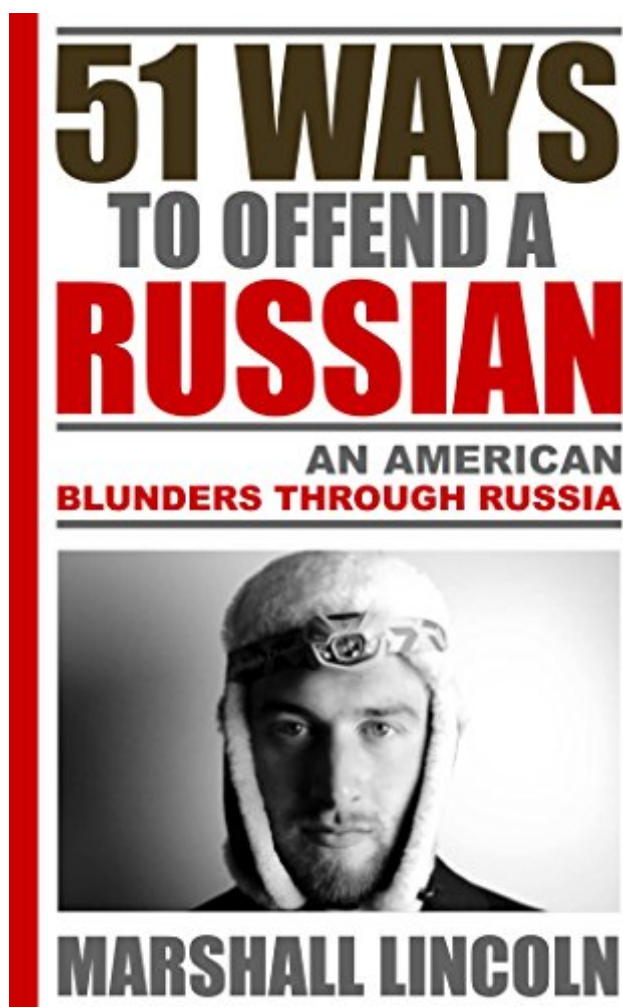


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# 51 Ways To Offend A Russian: An American Blunders Through Russia



## Synopsis

Why do things Russians find normal so often terrify Americans? Why do things Americans consider perfectly normal so often upset Russians? Why is it so easy to walk unknowingly right into one cultural taboo after another? 51 Ways to Offend a Russian is an adventure in how not to assimilate into another culture. It is the culmination of the author's five years spent blundering through endless mistakes, miscalculations, and misunderstandings in Russia. This humorous collection of bite-sized anecdotes will leave you in tears - from both laughter and frustration alike. The author's blunders include such observations and unlikely adventures as: "Beer isn't alcohol. Do not question this. Do not try to understand it." "Once upon a time in Russia, at a backwaters border crossing adjacent the far Southeastern edge of Estonia, I got mistaken for an American spy." "There is a word in Russian which means, loosely, 'To chase a shot by smelling food.' Not eating food, smelling it. I think that says a lot about the culture." "In what weird parallel universe are berries not a kind of fruit? In Russia, even science is done differently." "Date enough vegetarians in Russia, and you might find yourself forgetting people back home still think chicken is a kind of meat." "This was the first time in my entire life I have ever understood the thought process of a Samurai. Specifically, the thoughts of a Samurai about to commit seppuku." "For a Russian, [the] ideal state of 'warmth' seems to fall somewhere between fifty and sixty degrees Fahrenheit. By eighty-five degrees, most see the four horsemen of the apocalypse in their heatstroke-induced nightmares." "One should never disrespect bread. Quite literally, no [Russian] would be alive without it." | The Paleo diet is a fun thing to explain in Russia. "They don't teach you how to send Facebook messages in Russian class. There is no 'Social Media in Russia, 101.' There should be." "It's perfectly normal to strip naked and let grown men hit you with hot birch branches. This is just about the most normal thing a person could possibly do in Russia."

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What a lovely and hilarious read. Mr. Lincoln fearlessly explores Russia and to the readers delight we can ride along with him through culture shock and sobering learning's as he courts Russian women, drinks vodka (obviously), mistakenly offends everyone and stumbles through quite an expanse of surprising tidbits of Russian life so foreign to any human outside of Russia. These little stories of personal interactions that only someone traveling far outside the realm of a tourist would experience are simply magical. Marshall's writing style is sophisticated yet easy to consume. He quickly takes you deep into his funny travel experiences as if you were standing next to him. You WILL laugh out loud. You will learn a lot about how the Russian's are behind the emotionless faces, how they really see American's and that (spoiler) berries are, in fact, not a fruit or vegetable...they are just, well, berries. Pour a cup of tea or a shot of vodka (or both) as you dive into the modern quirky world of the Russian people.

What a great book! I was unable to put it down from the moment I started reading. I was laughing out loud as if I were at a comedy club! Highly recommend to everyone that enjoys reading books that are both factual and hilarious! Very well written Marshall Lincoln!! I hope you continue writing as I am already looking forward to your next book!

If you're planning to visit Russia, be sure to read this. It's an easy read and shares good advice (with stories) about some of the cultural differences. Of course it undoubtedly doesn't cover

everything that would be good to know, but it's a good start. Very enjoyable. Thanks for sharing, Marshall. :)

As a Russian American, I can relate to this book so much! This book was hilarious! I enjoyed laughing through Marshall's adventures and really enjoyed his view and appreciation of Russian culture. Highly recommend this book!

As a russian girl i should say that Marshall Lincoln really got the russian soul. Lots of things are very true and amazing how he was able to capture the cultural differences that noone else would pay attention to. Spend few hours of laughing alone in the cafe with this book. Highly recommended for russians and those who want to understand russians)

I really enjoyed reading this book. Once I started reading it I was unable to put it down. It's very amusing! I very much enjoyed the author's writing style and sense of humour. The book reminded me of the importance of traveling, and the lessons that you learn throughout your travels about yourself and the world around you.

Very clever way of pointing out differences and making it funny. Having adopted Russian kids and spent time over there, I have experienced many of the things listed.

Marshall's dissimulation of the absurdities of both American and Russian culture made this is one of the rare books to made me genuinely laugh out loud. I'm looking forward to hearing more of Marshall's adventures.

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