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Looking back on their lives, most people have a tale to tell, sad or happy. Mervyn's first volume of reminiscences, *Mervyn's Lot*, covered his troubled boyhood in war-torn Swansea of the thirties and forties, and his second memoir, *Mila and Mervusya*, recounts the gripping tale of his extraordinary adventures with the KGB in Khrushchev's Russia during the Cold War – described in the *Spectator* as 'absorbing', and 'thrilling'.

Here, in a third volume, he tells of his life in Pimlico with a colourful Russian wife Ludmilla, following their marriage under the shadow of Lenin's statue in the Moscow Palace of Weddings in 1969; his return visits to the new, post-Soviet Russia and the many unusual Russians he met; and a splendid Russian wedding on a beautiful Turkish island in the Marmara Sea.

These events, together with the unexpected ups and downs of life in a mixed, Anglo-Russian family, make captivating reading.

Mervyn Matthews taught Russian and Soviet affairs for many years at the University of Surrey, and is a prolific writer and broadcaster.

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