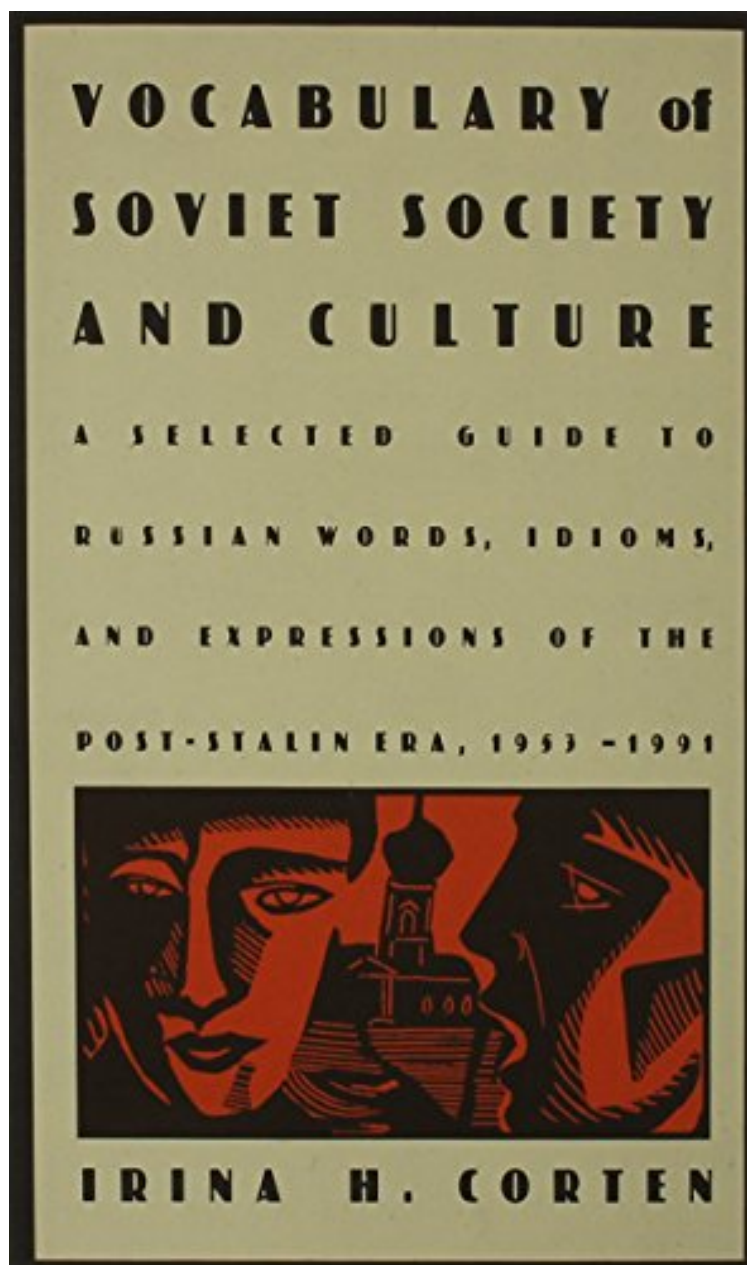


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Anekdotchik (anekdotchitsa) (Cyrillic spelling) (n.): 1: A person who tells jokes (anekdoty); 2: coll. since the late Stalin era, a person arrested and given a prison sentence for the telling of political jokes. The phenomenon indicates the important role of the political joke in Soviet culture and, specifically, in the dissident movement. See *iazychnik*; *sident*. The following jokes were popular during the Brezhnev era: 1. "Comrade Brezhnev, what is your hobby?" "Collecting jokes about myself." "And how many have you collected so far?" "Two and a half labor camps." 2. Question: What is a marked-down joke? Answer: A joke which, under Stalin, got you ten years in a labor camp, and now gets you only five.

egostiki (Cyrillic) (n.; pl.). Lit., little egotists; coll. since the 1970s referring to headsets worn by music lovers, especially teenage fans of rock music. The idea is that, by wearing headsets, one shuts out the world and becomes indifferent to everything except oneself.

zhrl'nia (Cyrillic) (n.). Der. *zhrat'*, to gorge, devour (vulg.); coll. since the 1970s denoting an eating establishment with inexpensive and often bad-tasting food. In the late 1980s, the term also has been applied to new fast-food restaurants which have been built in Soviet cities by Western concerns, for example, McDonald's. See *amerikanka*; *stekliashka*; *stoiachka*.

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