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Book Review:

The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956 (3 volumes)

by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

The Gulag Archipelago is an account of life in the labor camps in the Soviet Union from 1918 to 1956. It is based on the author's own experiences and the [1] ..... of other prisoners. An archipelago is a chain of islands, which serves as a metaphor for the hundreds of camps that were scattered throughout the Soviet Union.

The camps had the [2] ..... of being harsh and dangerous. The living conditions were cold and overcrowded and they had extremely [3] ..... laws and rules. The goal of the camps was to break the [4] ..... of its prisoners through hard labor. Prisoners who [5] ..... working in these camps knew that there was very little chance of [6] ..... . It is estimated that millions of prisoners died in the Gulag camps. There were very few [7] ..... . Many Jews were imprisoned there, as a result of [8] ....., but the Soviets sent whoever they felt threatened their political ideals. Prisoners included anyone from simple workers to professionals with advanced [9] ..... .

Solzhenitsyn's books were a kind of social [10] ....., exposing the truth of the horrors of the camps. He wanted to write about his experience so there would be [11] ..... of what really went on there. He dedicated his book "to all those who did not live to tell it." His honest, painful writing [12] ..... is shocking to the reader. At the same time, some of the stories about kindness even in the face of death are quite [13] ..... .

After the first volume was published in Paris in 1973, Solzhenitsyn was arrested and [14] ..... from Russia. He [15] ..... returned in 1994 after the fall of the Soviet Union. Solzhenitsyn donated the money from the sale of his books to the Russian Social Fund for Persecuted Persons and Their Families*.



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