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following review helpful. Informative and Enjoyable By David Camp Vitebskii is very different from any other book I've ever read. The author did an amazing job interweaving Russian history and art, Jewish culture and practice along with her family's history. The story of Kayte's grandparents, Chaim and Alta, and all they went through to leave Russia and start a new life in America, provides the perfect context for solid, well written, clear information about a changing world in a different time. It's moving, entertaining, and I learned a lot about a lot of things.

Vitebskii (pronounced Veet-ebesk) is the story of a middle class Jewish family during the years leading up to the Russian Revolution. It starts during the late nineteenth century leading up to the Revolution and the years after it they decide to immigrate to America, in the process, losing their eldest son, a doctor, who has become caught up in the fever of the Bolshevik imperative and refuses to leave. In contrast is the story of the last ruler of the Russian Empire, Tsar Nicholas II. At the turn of the twentieth century, the Empire was beginning to tremble on a shaky foundation of monarchist rule led by a weak monarch and recounts their tragic end in front of a firing squad. The historic facts are verifiable, the personal ones are woven from family stories, history and the author's imagination.

About the Author Lily (Lillian) Kayte began her career as a food writer in 1975 while teaching French Cuisine through the Continuing Education Department, University of Vermont at Burlington. After relocating to Atlanta in 1977 she settled down to a writer's life and for the next 15 years wrote for newspapers including the Atlanta Journal Constitution and as the Lifestyle Editor of the Marietta Daily Journal, and the Dalton Citizen and Daily Courier in Dalton Georgia and Chattanooga, Tennessee. She was also a Contributing Editor for Creative Loafing and Common Cents newspapers in Atlanta. In 1990 she moved to Florida and for the next five years served as the restaurant critic for The Gainesville Sun (a New York Times publication), also writing their food and feature stories. During this time she was a write-for-hire writer and recipe developer for AARP Modern Maturity Magazine, Vegetarian Times Magazine, Veggie Life Magazine, Gainesville Today Magazine and Ocala Today Magazine. She developed all the recipes and wrote the text for The Vegetarian Beginner's Guide (Macmillan, 1994), Developed 30 recipes for The Vegetarian Times Complete Cookbook (Macmillan, 1994), numerous articles with recipes for Pillsbury Fast and Healthy Cookbook Series (General Mills) co-authored Vegetarian Express Cookbook (Little Brown, 1995) and was a syndicated columnist for the New York Times. Three years ago she ventured into the world of novels with the publication of Vitebskii, a story that revolves around the turmoil which accompanied the 19th and 20th century Russia from a monarchy to the Bolshevik imperative called Communism. It's a family history as well, taking the reader from a gracious lifestyle in Vitebsk to a crowded ghetto of a big American city.