

Table of Contents

**Foreword, by Arnold L. Horelick**

**Acknowledgments**

**Introduction**

**1. The Farewell to Communism and the First Reforms: 1989-92**

Soviet Collapse, or Nomenklatura Revolution?  
Events That Determined the End of the Soviet Union  
The Last Days of the USSR  
"The Cadres Decide Everything"  
Yeltsin Creates His Own "Pyramid of Power"  
Gaidar Appears on the Scene  
Struggle as a Means of Survival

**2. The New Political Specter: 1992**

Post-Communist Pluralism  
The Clay Is Not Easily Molded  
Parliament Becomes the Enemy  
The Congress as Political Theater  
Yeltsin Prepares His Concessions  
The Hot Summer of 1992  
The Liberals Sense Their Isolation

**3. A Brewing Conflict with Parliament: 1992-93**

Yeltsin Prepares for the Moment of Truth  
Chernomyrdin Appears on the Scene  
The Cease-Fire Is Broken Yeltsin Loses-and Responds  
The President Wins

**4. Yeltsin's "September Revolution" and the Elections: 1993-94**

The Struggle Reaches a New Level  
The Denouement Approaches Yeltsin Avenged  
Was the Conflict Inevitable?  
The Victors Get Away with It  
Elections to the Tamed Parliament  
The Final Departure of Gaidar  
Yeltsin Allows Himself to Relax

**5. Moscow's Chechen War: 1994-95**

A New Game  
Stabilization Russian Style  
The First Steps in the Chechen Conflict  
What Caused the War?  
The Reaction to the War  
Yeltsin Finds Support  
Chechnya Gridlock  
The First Hostage Crisis and the Prime Minister  
Does Moscow Know How to Conduct Negotiations?

**6. Russia Chooses a New Parliament: 1995**

The Heroes of the Opposition Fade  
The Communists Become the Center of Attention  
The "Party of Power" Prepares to Defend Its Positions  
Yeltsin Rehearses His Rebirth  
A Time of Trouble for the President  
The Elections and Their Outcome

#### **7. Yeltsin's Struggle for Revival Begins: Spring 1996**

The President Returns from His Sickbed  
Yeltsin's Game  
The Democrats at an Impasse Again  
Moscow Wants to End the War  
Yeltsin Begins His Official Campaign  
The Struggle for the Election

#### **8. The Old-New President of Russia: Summer 1996**

The Serious Candidates Emerge  
What If the Communists Win?  
Yeltsin's Comeback  
The Price of Victory and the Victor's Spoils  
Democracy Russian-Style  
Battling for a Place in the Kremlin Sun

#### **9. The President Returns: The Second Half of 1996**

Dividing the Spoils  
Lebed Ends the Chechen War  
Yeltsin's Revival  
Is There Light at the End of the Tunnel?  
The President Fails to Cope  
Another Cabinet Reshuffle  
The Rise and Fall of a New Liberal Revolution

#### **10. 1997: New Reforms or Stagnation?**

The Banking Wars  
Presidential Maneuvering  
The Budget Crunch  
The Results of the Autumn Government Crisis  
The Reformers' Mistake  
The Reformers in Danger  
The Economic Burden  
Yeltsin Struggles On

#### **11. Yeltsin Struggles for a Resurrection: 1998**

A Lull, Then a Thunderclap  
The "Youngster" Prime Minister: Kiriyenko  
Onerous Tasks for Yeltsin and the Kiriyenko Government  
Russia Again at the Edge of the Precipice  
One More Chance  
Another Government Reshuffle  
Stalemate  
Finding a Compromise Candidate

#### **12. Boris Yeltsin and the Future of Democracy in Russia**

Myths and Reality  
The Superpresidential Regime  
The Russian Political Class and Its Failure to Implant  
Democracy

Prospects for Russian Democracy  
After Yeltsin

**Notes**

**Index**

**About the Author**