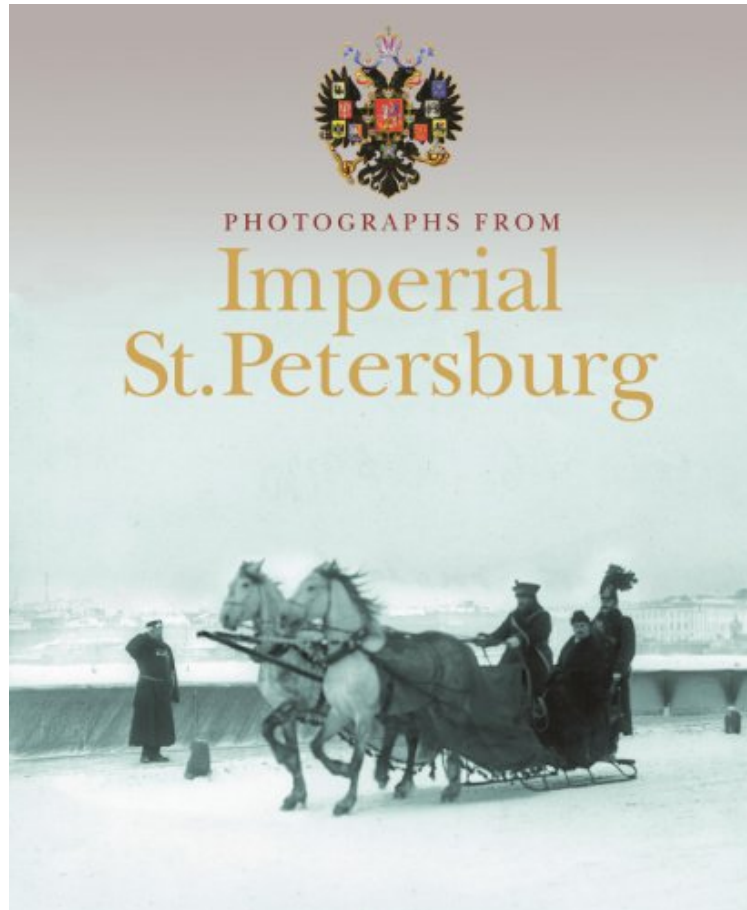


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14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Interesting view of life in St. Petersburg before the Revolution By Reading Rocks Being a literary fan of the last Romanovs and of life in imperial Russia prior to WW I, I decided to purchase this book. First off, let me say that all the photographs in this book are also in the book "Before the Revolution"; so if you have "Before the Revolution" do not buy this book. "Before the Revolution" is primarily a huge pictorial book (about 300 pages) filled with photos of life in St. Petersburg as well as other parts of Russia with photos in sepia tone. This book, aside from about 6-8 pages of narrative in the beginning of the book, is all pictorial and in a blue tone vs. sepia. The paper the book is printed on is high quality and the photos are crisp and clear. Each photo has a caption - stating what the photo shows and the year the photo was taken. The title of the book "Imperial St. Petersburg" can be misleading to some because it is not a book solely of photos of the rich and privileged. The word "Imperial" in the title simply refers to how St. Petersburg was referred to back-in-the-day because the Romanov

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