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Russian Architecture Between East and West

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"Russia was a part of Europe for two centuries: from 1703, the year St. Petersburg was founded, to 1917, the year of the Bolshevik victory. Before the eighteenth century, however, Russia had quite another historical destiny. It maintained closer ties with the Asian steppes and Byzantium than with Europe. The country was open to the south, the north, and the east rather than to the west."

Author of *St. Petersburg: Architecture of the Tzars* and one of Russia's foremost young architectural historians, Dmitry Shvidkovsky traces how the built environment reflects a unique mixture of cultures, politics and styles.

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