



EKAT  RINA

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I will rule or I will die



The daughter of an impoverished Prussian prince is getting ready to marry the future Tsar of Russia, Peter III. She dreams of love, but the Tsar prefers war games and shows little interest in women. Her girlish innocence soon disappears, her tender nature is replaced by cold fury, and she channels her loneliness into a lust for power. This aggrieved young woman, full of strength, would go on to conquer both land and hearts, hand pick grenadiers to become her lovers, suppress rebellions, and converse with prominent European philosophers. She will become Catherine the Great.



*You took my son from me, and all I can do is smile, bow,
and say polite words to you. You've taken everything ...*



Ekaterina's husband seemed to show no interest in her. Even the birth of their son did not bring him closer.





After an uprising in the palace that removed both her husband and son from power, she became Catherine II, Russia's greatest female ruler.





As Empress, Ekaterina became an intemperate mistress, gathering her favorites around her and granting them positions of power.

Biographers have counted over 20 lovers of Ekaterina, but legends tell that the number was probably much greater.



Historians describe the reign of Catherine the Great as a Golden Age. The Empress came to symbolize Russia's wealth and might. She is seen as a "philosopher on the throne". She was sympathetic to the Age of Enlightenment in Europe and conducted extensive correspondence with many of Europe's greatest minds including Voltaire, Diderot and d'Alembert.

*Russia is an immense and mighty land.
Anything I do as Empress will be a mere
drop in the ocean.*

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