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Pokrovskoye in Rasputin with his children Rasputin was born a peasant in the small village of Pokrovskoye , along the Tura River in the Tobolsk Governorate now Tyumen Oblast in Siberia. Gregory of Nyssa , whose feast was celebrated on January Efim also worked as a government courier, ferrying people and goods between Tobolsk and Tyumen [5] [4] The couple had seven other children, all of whom died in infancy and early childhood; there may have been a ninth child, Feodosiya. According to historian Joseph T. Fuhrmann, Rasputin was certainly close to Feodosiya and was godfather to her children, but "the records that have survived do not permit us to say more than that. After a courtship of several months, they married in February The couple had seven children, though only three survived to adulthood: His reasons for doing so are unclear: According to Douglas Smith, his decision "could only have been occasioned by some sort of emotional or spiritual crisis. Nicholas Monastery at Verkhoturye in was transformative. Rasputin may have spent several months at Verkhoturye, and it was perhaps here that he learned to read and write, but he later complained about the monastery itself, claiming that some of the monks engaged in homosexuality and criticizing monastic life as too coercive. He became a vegetarian, swore off alcohol, and prayed and sang much more fervently than he had in the past. These meetings were the subject of some suspicion and hostility from the village priest and other villagers. It was rumored that female followers were ceremonially washing him before each meeting, that the group sang strange songs that the villagers had not heard before, and even that Rasputin had joined the Khlysty , a religious sect whose ecstatic rituals were rumored to included self- flagellation and sexual orgies. Petersburg, either in or in the winter of " Petersburg society, and later served as confessor to the Tsar and his wife. Fuhrmann, Rasputin stayed in St. Petersburg for only a few months on his first visit and returned to Prokovskoye in the fall of Petersburg or returned to Prokovskoye at some point between his first arrival there and The tsar recorded the event in his diary, writing that he and Alexandra had "made the acquaintance of a man of God " Grigory, from Tobolsk province. Petersburg until July He met with Nicholas and Alexandra on July 18 and again in October, when he first met their children. Alexei recovered the next morning. The Little One will not die. Do not allow the doctors to bother him too much. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. Nicholas granted the request and the name change was speedily processed, suggesting that the Tsar viewed " and treated " Rasputin favorably at that time. He soon became a controversial figure; he was accused by his enemies of religious heresy and rape, was suspected of exerting undue political influence over the tsar, and was even rumored to be having an affair with the Tsarina. He did not fit in with the royal family, and he and the Russian Orthodox Church had a very strained relationship. The Holy Synod frequently attacked Rasputin, accusing him of a variety of immoral or evil practices. Because Rasputin was a court official, though, he and his apartment were under hour surveillance, and, accordingly, there exists some credible evidence about his lifestyle in the form of the famous "staircase notes" " reports from police spies , which were not given only to the Tsar but also published in newspapers. He also maintained that sin and repentance were interdependent and necessary to salvation. Thus, he claimed that yielding to temptation and, for him personally, this meant sex and alcohol , even for the purposes of humiliation so as to dispel the sin of vanity , was needed to proceed to repentance and salvation. Attaining divine grace through sin seems to have been one of the central secret doctrines which Rasputin preached to and practiced with his inner circle of society ladies. The unpopular Tsarina, meanwhile, who was of Anglo - German descent, was accused of acting as a spy in German employ. Rasputin then claimed that he had a revelation that the Russian armies would not be successful until the Tsar personally took command. With this, the ill-prepared Tsar Nicholas proceeded to take personal command of the Russian army, with dire consequences for himself as well as for Russia. To advance his power further in the highest circles of Russian society, Rasputin cohabited with upper-class women in

exchange for granting political favors. Many at the time laid the blame with Alexandra and with Rasputin, because of his influence over her. Here is an example: Vladimir Purishkevich was an outspoken member of the Duma. Rasputin unintentionally contributed to their propaganda by having public disputes with clergy members, bragging about his ability to influence both the Tsar and Tsarina, and also by his dissolute and very public lifestyle. Guseva was a follower of Iliodor , a former priest who had supported Rasputin before denouncing his sexual escapades and self-aggrandizement in December . When this effort failed, Iliodor had been banished from St. Petersburg and was ultimately defrocked. He died of three gunshot wounds, one of which was a close-range shot to his forehead. Beyond this, little is certain about his death, and the circumstances of his death have been the subject of considerable speculation. According to historian Douglas Smith, "what really happened at the Yusupov home on 17 December will never be known. Yusupov offered Rasputin tea and cakes which had been laced with cyanide. At first, Rasputin refused the cakes, but then began to eat them. He found no evidence that Rasputin had been poisoned. December 21] at a small church that Anna Vyrubova had been building at Tsarskoye Selo. The funeral was attended only by the royal family and a few of their intimates. While there are several variants of this theory, in general they suggest that British intelligence agents under the command of Samuel Hoare , and in particular Oswald Rayner " who had attended Oxford University with Yusopov " were directly involved in planning and carrying out the assassination, [83] [84] or that Rayner had personally shot Rasputin. According to historian Douglas Smith, "there is no convincing evidence that places any British agents at the murder scene. There she worked as a dancer and then a lion tamer in a circus.

Chapter 2 : The Rasputin File (Audiobook) by Edvard Radzinsky, Judson Rosengrant - translator | blog.quintoapp.com

In many ways, "The Rasputin File" is like a narrative based on a police report and some reviewers have criticized the book for being a long police report, but I believe Radzinsky tells a compelling and interesting story based on the investigation's file.

He features in countless novels, non fiction books, plays, and even cartoons. Often Rasputin is portrayed as a seducing villain who caused the downfall of the Romanov empire. Radzinsky sets out to present a real Rasputin, one who propagandists failed to present. He uses though sporadically, so I am not sure why he used it as the title of his book the Rasputin File, a file compiled by the Bolsheviks during their many sessions of interrogating the upper classes after the Russian Revolution. Though I found a lot of the information interesting, I felt that Radzinsky wrote the book much like he would present something to one of his television audiences. Radzinsky tries to use as much original source material which is scant and only write what could actually be backed by fact. Again, I appreciate less supposition and more data when I read non fiction. Rasputin was born Grigory Efimovich Rasputin in Siberia. His actual birth date is not known, but records exist showing the births of various siblings. Record exist showing a drunken and trouble-making and non to honest Rasputin. It is after this beating that Rasputin finds religion and goes wandering. Reading about this incident now it seems someone obviously had a head injury, but it passed at the time as just one of those things. As all the followers considered themselves Christs and Mothers of Christ, any child conceived during these rites were born of the Holy Ghost again, crazy Russians! He details how Rasputin journeyed to St. Petersburg and gained supporters in the aristocracy and Russian Orthodox Church. I found these passages of the book particularly interesting as they show the intrigues and gossip that surrounded the Court. Overall, I think as a social history, Radzinsky researches well and presents the Monarchs in a sympathetic light, as victims to life at court and rather innocent. He also shows varying sides of Rasputin as presented by the file and those with whom he associated. This is also not a compelling political history, and if one were ignorant of all the facts, they might walk away thinking that Rasputin caused the downfall of Russia. I appreciate this book as a supplement to other works about Russian History, not an authority on its own. Published on June 19, 6:

Chapter 3 : The Rasputin file (eBook,) [blog.quintoapp.com]

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Chapter 4 : I Read a Lot of Books » The Rasputin File by Edvard Radzinsky

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The Rasputin File Edvard Radzinsky is the author of the bestsellers The Last Tsar and Stalin, and one of Russia's most celebrated playwrights. He lives in Russia.

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Rasputin was born a peasant in the small village of Pokrovskoye, along the Tura River in the Tobolsk Governorate (now Tyumen Oblast) in Siberia. According to official records, he was born on 21 January [O.S. 9 January] and christened the following day.