



Bondarchuk s War and Peace : Literary Classic to Soviet Cinematic Epic (Hardback)

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University Press of Kansas, United States, 2014. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Sergei Bondarchuk s War and Peace, one of the world s greatest film epics, originated as a consequence of the Cold War. Conceived as a response to King Vidor s War and Peace, Bondarchuk s surpassed that film in every way, giving the USSR one small victory in the cultural Cold War for hearts and minds. This book, taking up Bondarchuk s masterpiece as a Cold War film, an epic, a literary adaptation, a historical drama, and a rival to Vidor s Hollywood version, recovers--and expands--a lost chapter in the cultural and political history of the twentieth century. Like many great works of literature, Tolstoy s epic tale proved a major challenge to filmmakers. After several early efforts to capture the story s grandeur, it was not until 1956 that King Vidor dared to bring War and Peace to the big screen. American critics were lukewarm about the film, but it was shown in the Soviet Union to popular acclaim. This book tells the story of how the Soviet government, military, and culture ministry--all eager to reclaim this Russian masterpiece from their Cold War...



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