

Alisa Ganieva

Writer

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Born in 1985 in Moscow Studied Creative Writing at Maxim Gorky Literature Institute

© privat

PROJECT

Phantasmal Republic, a Novel

Some social movements arise casually and inadvertently, sprouting up from a joke, a slip of a tongue, a momentary sentiment that suddenly acquires life and energy of their own. While toying with reminiscences of The Mountainous Republic, a partially recognized state that blinked on the territory of the North Caucasus just for a few years during the Russian civil war of 1917–1922, a group of friends couldn't expect that their light talks would crawl from under their control to extend and grow into a real power carrying along characters of different social strata, genders, ethnicities, and worldviews.

Narrated from the perspective of a middle-aged divorced woman, a teacher of Dagestani literature struggling with the patriarchal pressure of her own family, a story of ideas that escape their creators and start a journey of their own, intermingles with a myriad of other stories about battles of individuals and a state, a person and a society, experiments and traditions, law and enterprise.

The Mountainous Republic was a concept of a secular union of numerous Caucasian peoples that for a brief moment won its way in the historical clash of different visions of the region's future after the Bolshevik coup. A contest among the Sharia Islamic groups, reactionary imperialistic groups, and leftist and Bolshevist groups that took place right after the dismantling of the Russian Empire, a tangle of Turkish, German, and British influences – all that suddenly reemerges in the present revealing the relevancy of almost the same choice for today.

Recommended Reading

Ganieva, Alisa. Prazdničnaja gora. Moscow: AST, 2012. English: The Mountain and the Wall. Dallas, TX: Deep Vellum, 2015. German: Die russische Mauer. Berlin: Suhrkamp, 2014.

- —. Ženich i nevesta. Moscow: AST, 2015. English: Bride and Groom. Dallas, TX: Deep Vellum, 2018. German: Eine Liebe im Kaukasus. Berlin: Suhrkamp, 2016.
- —. Oskorblennye čustva. Moscow: AST, 2018. English: Offended Sensibilities. Dallas, TX: Deep Vellum, 2022. German: Verletzte Gefühle. Klagenfurt: Wieser, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS FROM THE FELLOWS' LIBRARY

Ganieva, Alisa (Dallas, Texas, 2022)

Offended sensibilities

https://kxp.kroplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1808439244

Oskorblennye chuvstva

https://kxp.k1oplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1808439244

Ganieva, Alisa (Dallas, Texas, 2019)

The mountain and the wall

https://kxp.kioplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1885820240

Prazdnichnai a gora

https://kxp.k1oplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1885820240

Ganieva, Alisa (Berlin,2016)

Eine Liebe im Kaukasus

https://kxp.k1oplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=85994459X

Ženich i nevesta

https://kxp.k1oplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=85994459X

Ganieva, Alisa (Berlin,2014)

Die russische Mauer: Roman

https://kxp.kioplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1607441152

Prazdničnaja gora <dt.>

https://kxp.k1oplus.de/DB=9.663/PPNSET?PPN=1607441152