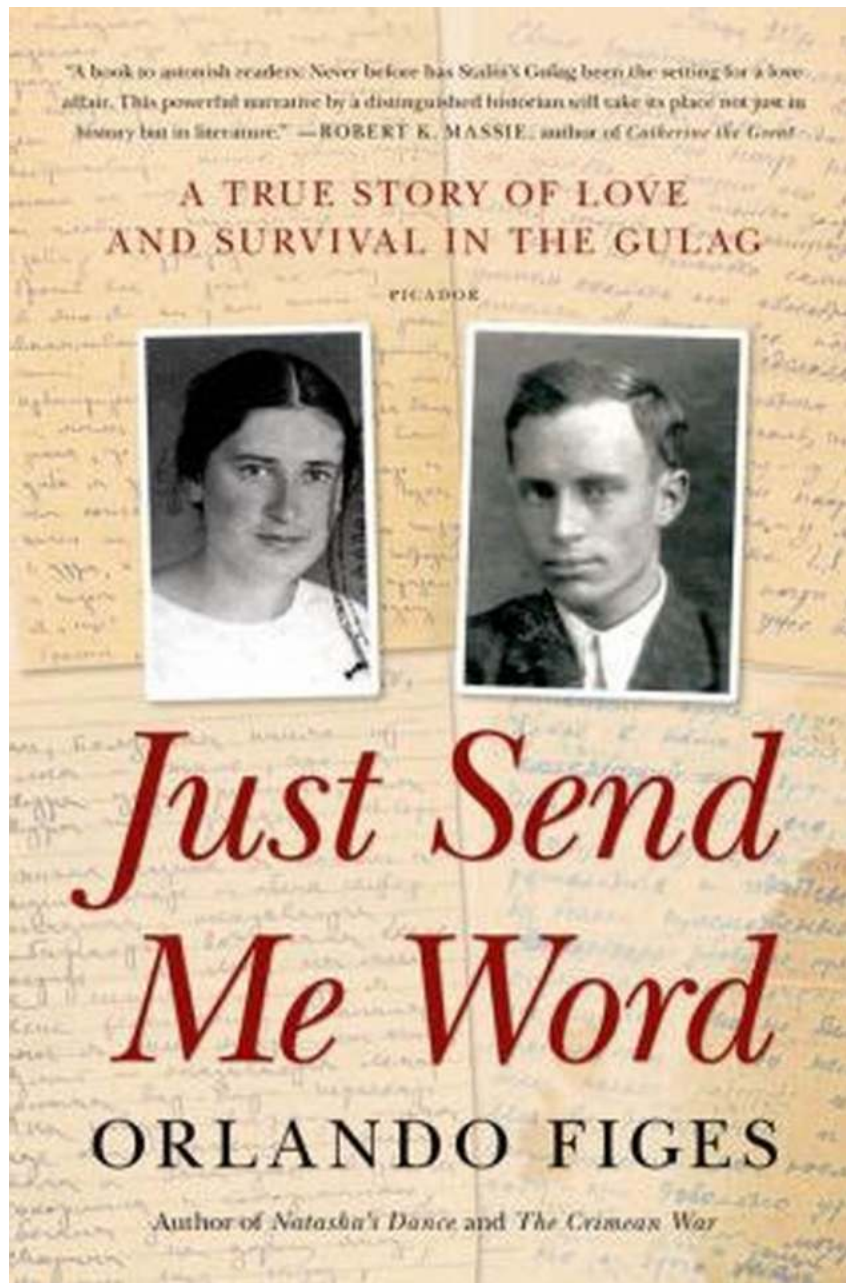


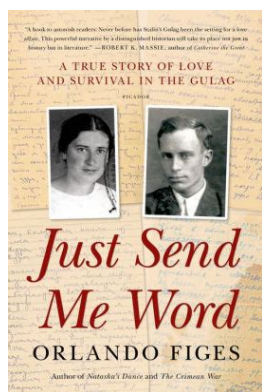
# Just Send Me Word



Love knows no boundaries, and it is often in the face of adversity that its strength becomes most apparent. In the book "Just Send Me Word" by Orlando Figes, readers are taken on a journey of love and courage in the darkest of times. This article explores the captivating true story behind this remarkable tale.

## An Imprisoned Love Story

Set in the Soviet Union during Stalin's repressive regime, "Just Send Me Word" is based on the true correspondence between Lev Mishchenko and Svetlana Ivanova. Lev, a construction worker, and Svetlana, a university student, fall madly in love with each other. However, their love is quickly tested when Lev is arrested and sentenced to ten years in a labor camp.



### Just Send Me Word: A True Story of Love and Survival in the Gulag by Orlando Figes (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

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The couple's separation does nothing to diminish their love. Determined to maintain their bond, they embark on a remarkable journey of letters, smuggled messages, and sheer determination. Their correspondence spans over a decade, with Lev's letters offering a glimmer of hope in the darkest of times.

### The Power of Words

The strength of "Just Send Me Word" lies in its portrayal of the power of words and love. Each letter becomes a lifeline, a source of comfort and connection in a world filled with fear and uncertainty. The bravery of Lev and Svetlana is palpable in their words, as they navigate the treacherous landscape of Soviet prisons.

Through the author's masterful storytelling, readers are transported to a different era, witnessing both the struggles and the triumphs of personal resilience. The book serves as a reminder that even in the face of adversity, love has the power to transcend all obstacles.

## **An Emotional Rollercoaster**

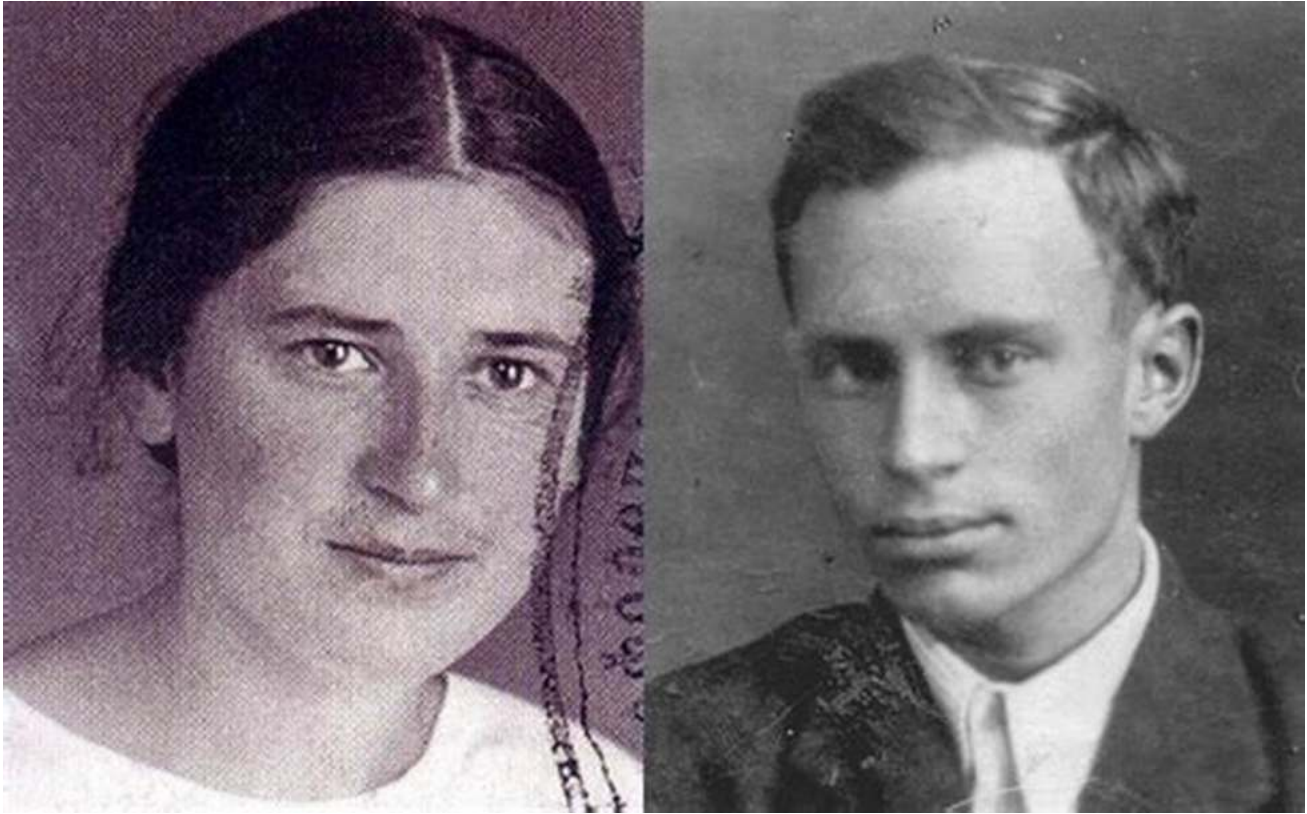
"Just Send Me Word" is an emotional rollercoaster that leaves readers on the edge of their seats. The constant fear of discovery, the longing for freedom, and the indomitable spirit of love all contribute to a gripping narrative that will resonate with readers long after they have turned the final page.

The book also provides valuable insights into Soviet history and the everyday lives of its citizens during this tumultuous period. It highlights the hardships faced by political prisoners and the toll it takes on both their physical and mental well-being.

## **A Testament to Love**

At its core, "Just Send Me Word" is a testament to the enduring power of love. It is a story that reminds us of the importance of connection and human resilience even in the most challenging circumstances.

Lev and Svetlana's journey is not only a personal one but also a reflection of the strength and tenacity of countless others who have faced similar struggles. Their story serves as a reminder of the indomitable spirit of humanity in the face of oppression.



## Captivating and Inspiring

"Just Send Me Word" is a book that captivates from the very first page. The storytelling is powerful and evocative, transporting readers to a different time and place. It is a story that will stay with you, urging you to reflect on the power of love and the resilience of the human spirit.

So, if you're searching for a book that will transport you to a world of courage, sacrifice, and love, "Just Send Me Word" is a must-read. Prepare to be captivated, inspired, and deeply moved by this remarkable true story.

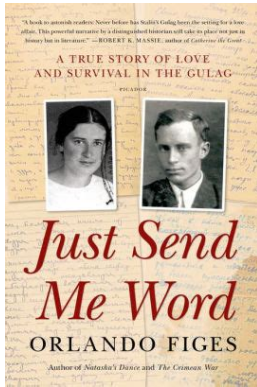
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"I went to get the letters for our friends, and couldn't help but feel a little envious, I didn't expect anything for myself. And suddenly—there was my name, and, as if it was alive, your handwriting."

In 1946, after five years as a prisoner—first as a Soviet POW in Nazi concentration camps, then as a deportee (falsely accused of treason) in the Arctic Gulag—twenty-nine-year-old Lev Mishchenko unexpectedly received a letter from Sveta, the sweetheart he had hardly dared hope was still alive. Amazingly, over the next eight years the lovers managed to exchange more than 1,500 messages, and even to smuggle Sveta herself into the camp for secret meetings. Their recently discovered correspondence is the only known real-time record of life in Stalin's Gulag, unmediated and uncensored.

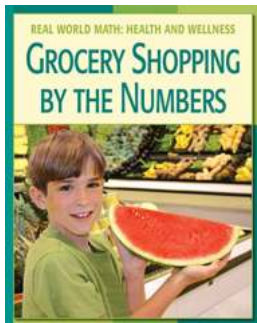
Orlando Figes, "the great storyteller of modern Russian historians" (Financial Times), draws on Lev and Sveta's letters as well as KGB archives and recent interviews to brilliantly reconstruct the broader world in which their story unfolded.

With the powerful narrative drive of a novel, Just Send Me Word reveals a passion and endurance that triumphed over the tragic forces of history.



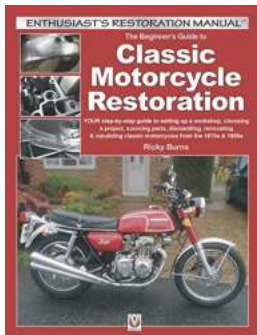
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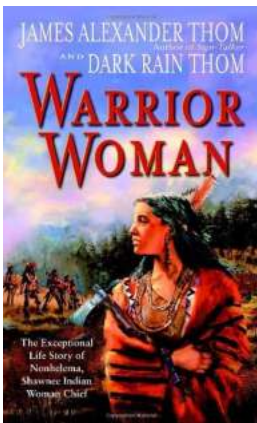
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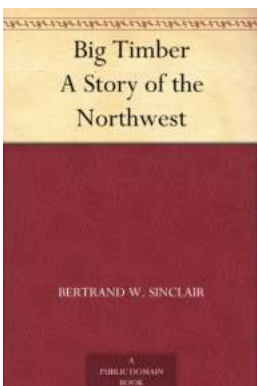
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