

# Putin Welcomes 'Gulag Archipelago' Printing

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Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has welcomed the publication of a school version of Soviet-era dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago," calling it essential reading.

"This book is much-needed," Putin told Solzhenitsyn's widow, Natalya, in televised remarks late Tuesday.

Natalya has created an abridged version for high school students that is a quarter the length of the multi-tome original. ☒

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