

# Get Out Your Book Bags

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## **FAIR The 17th International Fair for High-Quality Fiction and Non-Fiction**

### *Moscow's best book and event fair*

The fair may have an odd name, but it is the best book fair in Moscow and one of the best in the world. Here the emphasis is on "high quality." There are hundreds of Russian publishers showing and selling their wares, from the most arcane academic tomes to gorgeous art books to magnificent cookbooks and fabulous children's books. And that's not all. Every hour there are two to five talks, workshops, demonstrations and meetings with authors, public figures, publishers, translators and illustrators. This year there are special sections on gastronomy, vinyl music albums and antique books. For parents: There are activities for children all day long, so you can leave them in the kiddie corner and head off to fill your book bag.

We've culled the schedule for some of the most interesting events. But for the full program of events and information about the fair in Russian and English, see [moscowbookfair.ru](http://moscowbookfair.ru).

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Central House of Artists

10 Krymsky Val. Metro Park Kultury and Polyanka

Wed. 2-7 p.m., Thurs. through Sun. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Spanish Literature Events

*Meet some of your favorite Spanish-language writers*

This year Spanish literature is the main "guest" of the fair, with more than a dozen writers, playwrights, journalists and literary critics arriving from Spain, Chile, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Venezuela. Friday is filled with meetings all day, where the guests will talk about everything from journalism and literature to contemporary Spanish poetry and even comics. Poets, novelists and translators will talk about their work and answer questions. For the full schedule of Spanish literature events, see [moscowbookfair.ru/eng/frame-program](http://moscowbookfair.ru/eng/frame-program).

Hall 8, Seminar Area No. 1

Fri. from 11.40 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Thomas Piketty



Gobierno De Chile

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*Come hear if capitalism is doomed*

The French economist who wrote "Capital in the 21st Century" is speaking on his book recently translated into Russian. The English translation came out in 2014 and quickly hit the top of the New York Times Bestseller list. The book focuses on wealth and income equality in Europe and the United States and proposes measures to limit inequality and ensure that the wealth of nations is not concentrated in a small minority — also called "the 1 percent."

Conference Hall

Thurs. 1-3 p.m.

## Pierre Dukan



Crown Archetype

*French diet guru reveals his secrets*

The French doctor Pierre Dukan, whose diet plan millions of Russian — and not only Russian — women and men swear by, will answer questions and explain how the French manage to eat some of the richest food in the world and yet maintain perfect figures throughout their lives.

Hall 19, Gastronomy Seminar Area  
Thurs. 5-7 p.m.

### **Oleg Khlevnyuk**

*Author of the best studies of Josef Stalin*

For a serious talk, come hear historian Oleg Khlevnyuk discuss why so many contemporary books about Stalin ignore the vast, serious body of research that has been done over the years. The author will discuss his latest biography of the Soviet leader.

Hall 17, Seminar Area No. 2  
Fri. 4-5 p.m.

### **Justin Lifflander: How Not to Become a Spy**



Ves Mir

*An American finds love and happiness for ever after in Russia*

Former Moscow Times business editor Justin Lifflander talks about his autobiographical book about being an American weapons inspector in Votkinsk and falling in love with a woman minding him for the local KGB. Marriage, a son and great happiness ensue. He'll discuss the book and its translation into Russian.

Stand K-12

Sat. 2-3 p.m.

## **The Kinfolk Table**

*Food and entertainment from around the world*

The lifestyle magazine "Kinfolk" and book "The Kinfolk Table" are something of a foodie phenomenon, with stories about simple entertainment and good food. The cookbook tells the stories of several dozen cooks, both professional chefs and home cooks, who share their recipes and secrets. Hipster fluff or a quantum leap in entertainment? See for yourself.

Hall 19, Gastronomy Seminar Area

Sat. 6-7 p.m.

## **Lyudmila Ulitskaya**

*The author presents her latest book*

For Russian speakers who love literature, come to hear writer Lyudmila Ulitskaya talk about her new novel, "Jacob's Ladder." The award-winning novelist is also famous for her outspoken opposition to the present Russian leadership.

Hall 8, Seminar Area No. 1

Sun. 1-2 p.m.

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