

# Stalin Calendar in Siberian Bookstores Sparks Local Backlash

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A major bookstore chain was spotted selling a 2018 calendar devoted to Soviet dictator Josef Stalin at its branch in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg, sparking a backlash among local citizens this week.

Public opinion in Russia is bitterly [divided](#) over Stalin's dual legacy of murdering and repressing millions of Soviet people while overseeing rapid industrial growth and the defeat of Nazi Germany.

A recent poll conducted in Russia ranked the Soviet dictator as the world's most outstanding figure.

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A Facebook user [snapped](#) a photo of the Stalin calendar in a Yekaterinburg “Chitai-Gorod”

bookstore Monday, saying they sell for 450 rubles (\$7.7).

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The store's website removed the wall calendar after a backlash from local residents, the news website Znak.com [reported](#) Wednesday.

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