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Tamara Eidelman on Zuleikha

Why is there such criticism of the book and series?

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Chulpan Khamatova in a scene from "Zuleikha" **russia.tv**

Are you are still puzzled by the continuing war of words about the novel "Zuleikha Opens Her Eyes" by Guzel Yakhina (translated into English as "Zuleikha" by Lisa C.Hayden) and the series based on the novel that aired a few weeks ago? Here is someone to help you understand both the historical facts and the societal and political controversy about them.

Tonight (Thurs. May 14) at 7:30 p.m. Moscow time, you can hear the historian Tamara Eidelman talk life in villages in the 1920s and 30s, "dekulakization" and the people who carried it out, Tatar culture, children and love in camps and exile, and why the version of Soviet history presented in the novel and film has been perceived as insulting.

She will speak in Russian on the Pryamaya Rech platform. Admission is 500 rubles, which lets you watch it tonight or any other time for the next month.

For more information about this program and ticket sales, click here.

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