

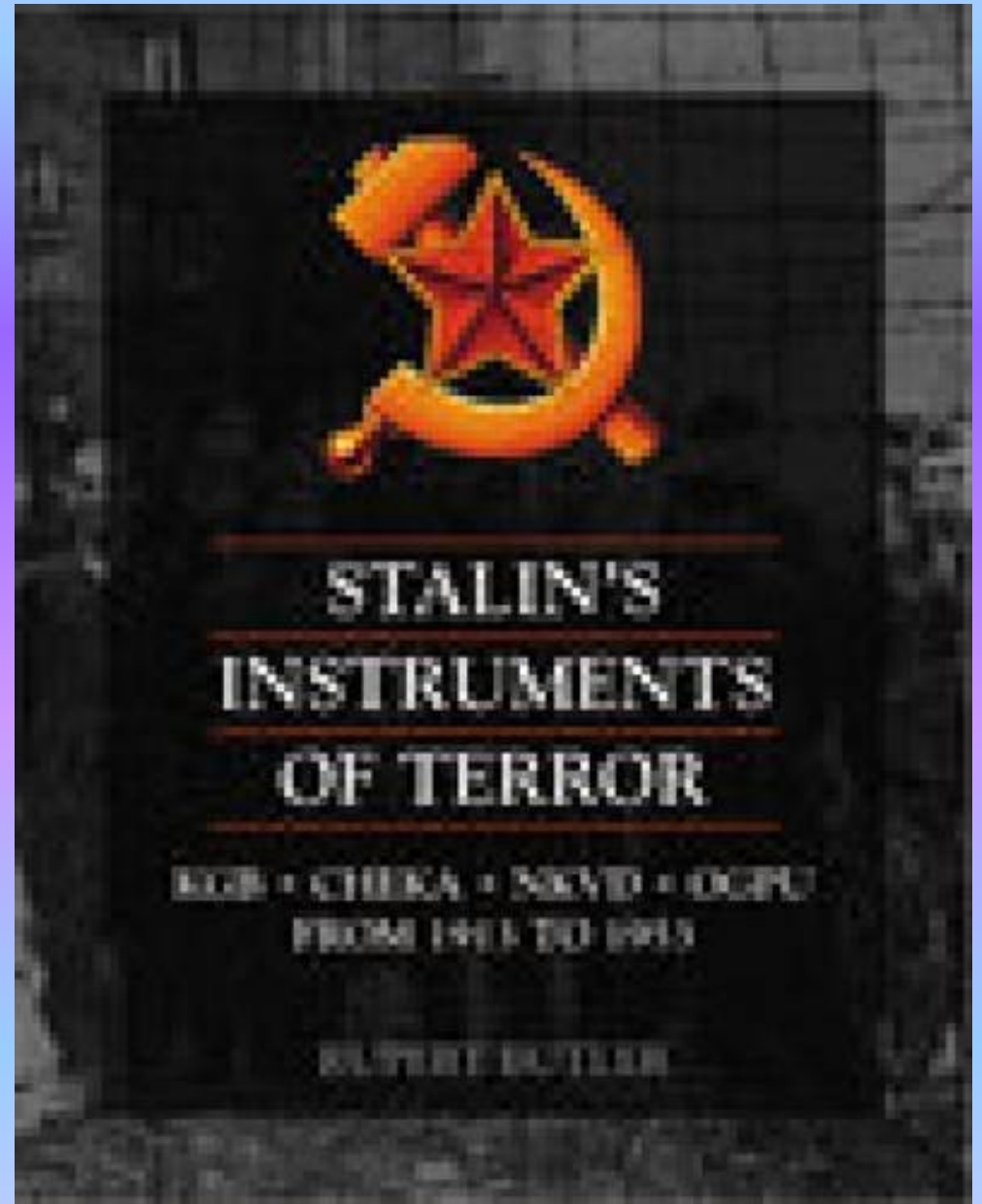
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The infamous KGB of Cold War renown was the successor to a series of equally infamous and lethal state security agencies that date from the early days of the Russian Revolution: Cheka, OGPU, NKVD, NKGB and MVD. The first chapter gives an account of the harsh state security employed by the despotic Tsars from the time of Ivan the Terrible, placing Stalin's brutal methods in a wider historical context. The author then examines the Cheka, the first post-revolutionary organization charged with combating counter-revolution and sabotage, whose methods were so ruthless that the early Bolshevik government was moved to abolish the organization 'with expressions of gratitude for heroic work' in 1922. After taking control of the Communist Party in 1923, Stalin used the newly-formed OGPU to implement mass collectivization and deportations of the kulaks (wealthy peasants) in the early 1930s. [Read more](#)



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