

VALYA'S NIGHT - PRESS AND LITERARY BLOGS COMMENTS

'In this splendid novel based on a true story, through Valya's eyes, Monika Zgustova explains the truth about the Soviet concentration camps, in which not only men but a very large number of women were also imprisoned.'

'The La Razón newspaper has chosen 'Valya's Night' as its Book of the Week, with a nine star rating.'

http://www.larazon.es/detalle_libros/noticias/1731443/cultura+libros/ser-mujer-en-el-gulag#.UV0grYVmFYI

La Razón, 3.4.2013

"Valya's Night" takes place in the second half of the 20th century, that century that was so harsh, and is a magnificent testimony in novel form from a woman who was arrested by the NKVD in 1945 and deported to the Gulag accused of spying for the Americans. This testimony in novel form was written after four years of research into the situation of women prisoners in the Gulag."

ABC

"In her latest novel, "Valya's Night" (Proa/Destino), Monika Zgustova penetrates the terror of the Gulag, through the testimony of one of its victims and survivors, Valentina Grigorievna. For its human approach and the geopolitical events it describes, "Valya's Night" is similar to, and has the quality of, Mercè Rodoreda's 'In Diamond Square'."

La Vanguardia

"Valya's Night" is a record of the extremely harsh conditions of life in the Gulag. Despite the cruelty present in this excellent novel, it has a sense of humour which allows the reader to feel relief and a sense of hope."

Diario de Teruel

"The author Monika Zgustova recreates the suffering of the women in the Soviet Gulag in her new novel, "Valya's Night", based on a true story in which love and friendship turn out to be the keys to survival."

Diario de Noticias

"Valya's Night" is, above all, a great love story between a young Russian woman, Valya, and Bill, an American Marine."

Canarias 7

"Valya's Night" combines human experience with real-life experience and the novel's style is transparent, full of contained lyricism, with the power to prove profoundly moving to the reader."

Ara

"Monika Zgustova, an author who has already successfully published 'The Silent Woman' and 'Winter Garden', has now produced another important novel: "Valya's Night", a tale of suffering and survival, but also of love: love as the origin of the tribulations of the main character, Valya, and the cause of her persecution; but which is also the source of her happiness and sense of hope."

El Mundo

"Monika Zgustova has taken this firsthand, gripping tale of woe and has shaped it into her intense and thrilling novel, *Valya's Night*."

La Semana

"Dramatic and hopeful, a moving testimony of survival, love, and the fight for life."

Los librereros recomiendan (Booksellers Recommend)

“After many years in the gulag, searching for encouragement in the camaraderie of the condemned, in friendship, in art, and even in work, when there is little, so little to fall back upon, Valya resumes her life . . . this is the most dramatic moment of this marvelous book.”

Blog Libros más vendidos (Best Selling Books)

“An exceptional novel based on the true story of a Soviet gulag survivor.”

Blog Crónicas Literarias: Desde New York, Reseñas Literarias

(Literary Chronicles: From New York, Literary Reviews)

“The novel is written in the first person, adding drama to the plot, while the capacity for humans to endure, as well as their capacity for cruelty, often leaves the reader with goosebumps. It is a fundamental firsthand testimony of one of the most sordid events in human history. In this stunning novel, the author gives readers a glimpse at living conditions that push one to one’s limits.”

Blog Todo Literatura (All Literature)

“In her latest novel, the captivating *Valya’s Night*, the author not only shows that conditions in Stalin’s prison camps were infinitely worse than those in the time of the Tsar, but points to another rhetorical pitfall that limited Soviet purging of Stalinism: the gulag continued with Khrushchev after the death of Stalin.”

Blog ¡Me encanta leer! (I love to read)

