

KATE FURNIVALL

Author of the best selling novel *THE RUSSIAN CONCUBINE*.

Kate Furnivall was born in Wales and studied at London University. Before becoming a writer she worked in publishing and advertising in London, and now lives by the sea in Devon with her husband.

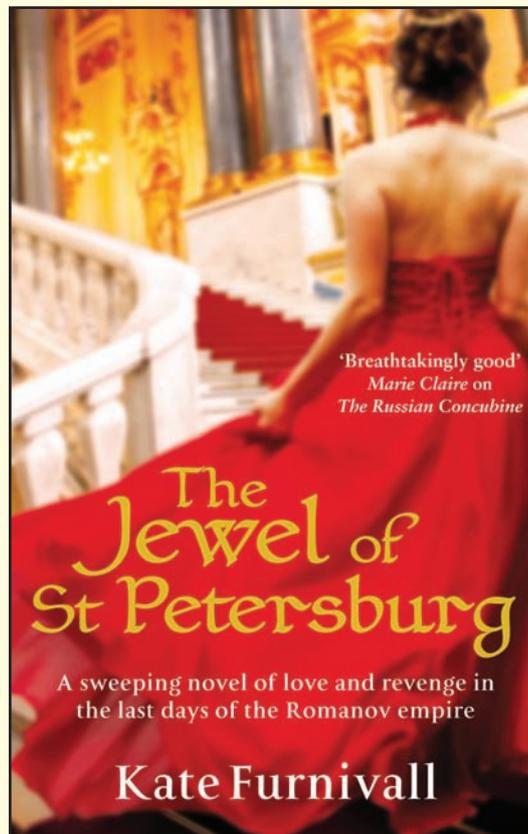
She was inspired to write *THE RUSSIAN CONCUBINE* by her mother's childhood experience as a White Russian in China.



Kate Furnivall's new book:

The Jewel of St Petersburg

Shortlisted for the RNA 2011 Award for Romantic Novel of the Year and for Historical Novel of the Year.



Published by LittleBrown/Sphere UK and Berkley US

The Jewel of St Petersburg is a sweeping epic of love and courage, revenge and heartache in the last days of the Romanov empire. Russia 1910: young Valentina Ivanova charms St Petersburg's aristocracy with her classic Russian beauty and her talent as a pianist. But she scandalises society when she falls in love with Jens Friis, a Danish engineer, while her parents push her into a loveless engagement with a Russian count. Valentina struggles for independence and tries to protect her young sister, as Russia marches towards rebellion, and she is forced to make a choice that changes her life forever.

Reviews for *The Jewel of St Petersburg* so far:

Publisher's Weekly: Skilfully intertwines historical fact with a heartfelt love story. This will be a delight for Furnivall's fans and equally a joy for those new to her work.

Library Journal: Gripping, elegant and fierce, this is a classic war-torn love story, and Furnivall's best yet.

Marie Claire: High drama and old fashioned passion make this perfect escapist reading.

Historical Novels Review: A fast-paced and exciting read.

Romantic Times: Vivid descriptions combine with a memorable love story that will speak to readers' hearts and minds.

Lancashire Evening Post: Full of rich history, heart-stopping romance and delicious dangers.

Next Magazine: Fast-paced, with wonderfully drawn characters and manages to melt truckloads of research into a super-smooth read.

Weekend Herald: Delicious turns of plot.

Barnes & Noble Romance: A jewel of a book.

Night Owl Reviews: As potent and heady as vodka and as glittering as a Fabergé egg.

Marjolein Book Blog: A classy, elegant and very impressive novel. One of the outstanding reads of this year.

Goodreads: A real page-turner.

Passages to the Past: An utterly engrossing story - a wonderful read.

Dolcedolce: A passion-packed romance that will delight readers.

Historically Obsessed: Historical fiction does not get much better than this.

Ulster Tatler: An absorbing story that will enthrall from start to finish.

Blackpool Gazette: An enthralling and passionate story.

Glasgow Evening Times: A dramatic battle for independence.

Simply Stacie: Marvelous.

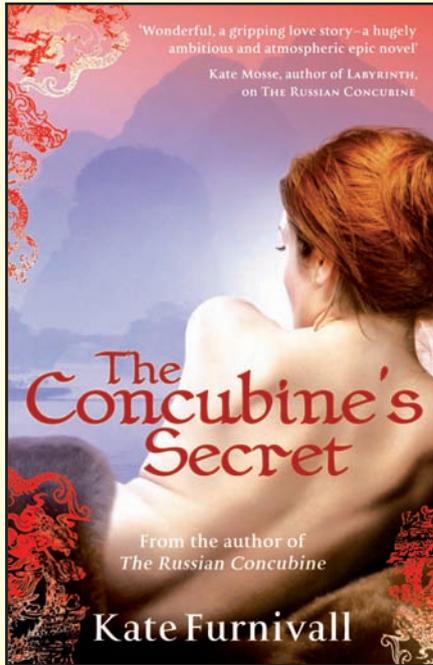
Woman & Home: Pick of the month's hottest reads.

The Jewel of St Petersburg has sold to the following countries:

UK	LittleBrown/Sphere
USA	Berkley
Czech Republic	BB art s.r.o
Finland	Helsinki Books
Greece	Oceanida
Hungary	IPC Konyvek Kft
Netherlands	Unieboek
Norway	Vega
Turkey	Pegasus Yayinlari

In UK

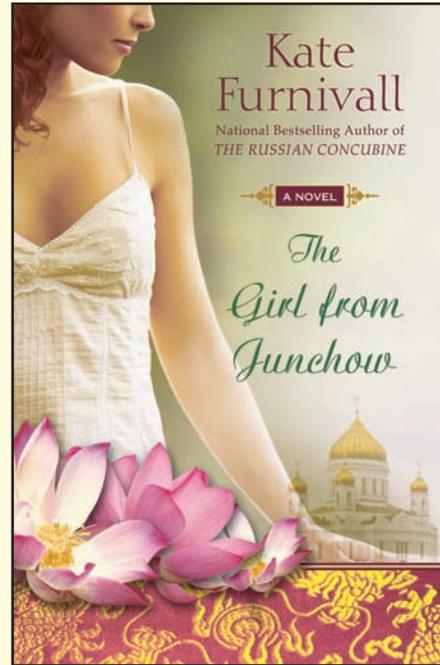
The Concubine's Secret



LittleBrown/Sphere UK

In USA

The Girl From Junchow



Berkley USA

The Concubine's Secret is set in Russia 1929. Lydia Ivanova believed her father was killed by the Bolsheviks. But when she learns he is captive in Stalin's Russia, the fiery girl leaves everything behind - even her Chinese lover, Chang An Lo - to find him. With her half brother Alexei, she begins a dangerous search. She becomes entangled with a Soviet officer while Alexei is caught in the underworld of Russian criminals. But Chang An Lo has not forgotten Lydia. He arrives in Moscow but their bonds of love are threatened as Lydia risks everything to contact her father.

The Concubine's Secret (*The Girl from Junchow* in the US) is published in the UK by LittleBrown/Sphere 2009.

Reviews for *The Concubine's Secret* so far:

Publisher's Weekly: Furnivall deftly evokes the details of a bygone era.

Library Journal: An engrossing adventure that sweeps readers along in lush waves of drama and romance. Finely crafted descriptions of Russia in its Soviet infancy.

Image Magazine: Book of the Month. Highly recommended.

Historical Novels Review: Furnivall's descriptions are powerful... the plotting and pace are breathless.

The Booklist: Brilliant portrayals of the bleak, tragic lives of ordinary people caught up in a revolution.

Minnesota Star Tribune: Furnivall's vibrant novel - an exciting plot, vivid characterisation and a fascinating atmosphere.

Romantic Times: Hot read.

The Bookbag: Compelling characters.

Library Thing: Believable, subtle and excellent.

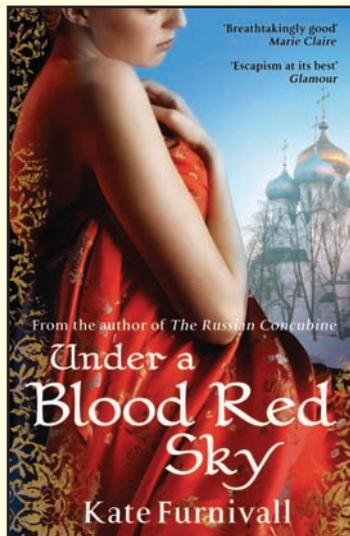
Book Review.com: A fascinating historical sequel that brings to life a time and place. Fans of early 20th century tales will want to read this deep tale.

Book Queen Club: Club Pick. Definitely a page-turner.

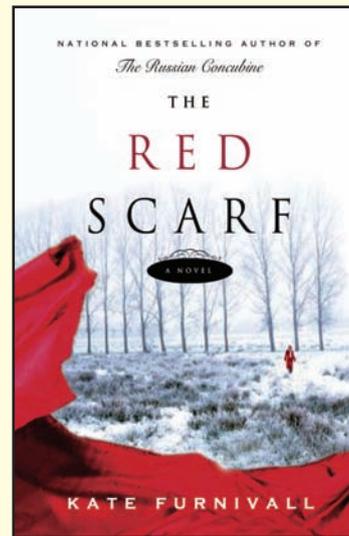
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USA	Berkley
Croatia	Profil Multimedia
Czech Republic	BB art s.r.o
Germany	Goldman/Page & Turner
Greece	Oceanida
Hungary	Lektor Kiado
Netherlands	Unieboek
Serbia	Laguna
Turkey	Pegasus Yayinlari

Under a Blood Red Sky



LittleBrown/Sphere UK



Berkley USA

This is a sweeping novel set in Russia in 1933. Only two things keep Sofia Morozova alive in Davinsky labour camp: her friendship with fragile Anna Fedorina and the thought of freedom. When Anna becomes ill, Sofia swears to help her. She escapes to seek out Anna's childhood love, a revolutionary named Vasily, to enlist his aid. Her quest leads her to the Ural mountains and to Mikhail Pashin. She falls passionately in love with him, knowing he is really Vasily and belongs to Anna. Torn between loyalty and desire, danger and passion, Sofia must make crucial choices.

Under a Blood Red Sky (*The Red Scarf* in the US) is published in the UK by LittleBrown/Sphere 2008.

Under a Blood Red Sky shot to #12 on The Sunday Times' Bestseller List.

Reviews for *Under a Blood Red Sky* so far:

The Times: Breathtaking historical fiction.

The Bookseller: For fans of historical, epic fiction, it doesn't get much better than this - exciting and atmospheric, with strong and gutsy characters.

The Sun: This gripping novel is poignant, beautifully written and will capture the reader to the last.

Publishers Weekly: Furnivall nicely pits small lives against a monolithic state.

New Books Magazine: It is escapism ... a good story well told and well written.

History Wire: Kate Furnivall paints her latest compelling saga - a story of love, friendship and loyalty.

Historical Novels Review: Editor's Choice: A riveting narrative that is heavy on the heart ... keeps readers entranced. Highly recommended.

Western Mail: A richly colourful and sensuous historical romance. Gripping, romantic and shocking - great stuff.

Choice Magazine: A very human story of the inhumanities of Stalinism, this is an absorbing novel.

Coventry Telegraph: This is a heartbreaking book, full of twists and turns, treachery and friendship.

Image Magazine: An engaging read about love, betrayal and friendship.

Lancashire Evening Post: A gripping and revelatory tale of love, revenge and redemption ... a satisfying mixture of history and true romance.

The Booklist 2008: This riveting historical novel.

Belfast Telegraph: A beautifully told love story, a gripping tale of courage... The pace never slows, the tension never ceases. A terrific and absorbing read.

Western Daily Press: Another memorable story from an author with a keen eye for historical detail.

Romance Reviews Today: A deft pen and a superb storytelling gift. You will not put this novel down.

Dunoon Observer: A breathtaking epic novel.

Writers News Weekly: Furnivall effectively captures the heroine's plight with insight and style.

LoveReading: A truly splendid addition to the big epic novel area. Highly recommended.

Genre Go Round: A deep character driven tale - vividly described.

Betsy's Book Club: A beautiful love story that will melt your heart.

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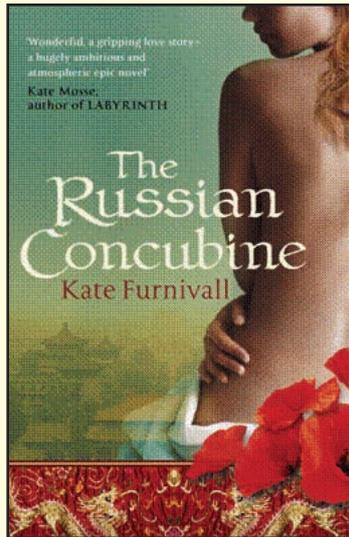
Under a Blood Red Sky (as *The Red Scarf*) has so far sold over 80,000 copies in the USA.

Under a Blood Red Sky has been selected as:

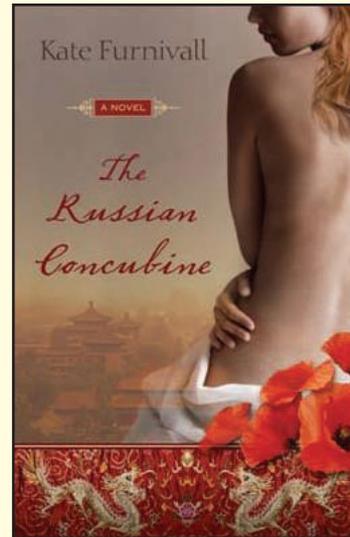
(UK) The Times' 'Paperback of the Year' list.

(UK) Asda's Bookclub choice.

The Russian Concubine



LittleBrown/Sphere UK



Berkley USA

The Russian Concubine is a sweeping epic love-story. Exiled from Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution, the beautiful and fiery Lydia and her aristocratic mother have taken refuge in Junchow, China, in 1928. On the edge of destitution, Lydia uses her wits to survive and resorts to stealing.

She is saved from certain death by a young Chinese Communist, Chang An Lo, and together they are thrust into clashes with savage triads. Lydia and Chang fall in love and are swept up in a fight against prejudice and shame. Forced to face opium-running, betrayal and kidnap, their compelling attraction to each other is tested to the limits in this story of love and loss, secrets and lies.

The Russian Concubine was published in November 2007 in the UK and in August 2007 in the USA.

Praise for *The Russian Concubine*:

Kate Mosse: 'Wonderful. Not only a gripping love story, but a novel which captures the sights, smells, hopes and desires of Russia at the dawn of the 20th century, and of pre-Revolutionary China, so skilfully that readers will feel they are there. A hugely ambitious and atmospheric epic novel.'

Diana Gabaldon: 'The Russian Concubine is a great story of love, loss and conflicting loyalties in a fascinatingly precarious moment of history.'

Reviews for *The Russian Concubine* so far include:

Glamour: This highly accomplished, sweeping epic is a perfect winter read ...

Escapism at its best, this novel brilliantly captures the sights, sounds and atmosphere of early 20th-century Russia and China.

New Woman: An achingly beautiful epic.

The Daily Telegraph: A rollicking good read, with a fast-moving plot and oodles of colourful characters and evocative locations. The best thing about it, however, is Lydia ... a heroine one hopes to meet for more adventures in the future

Sunday Express: This is epic romantic adventure on a grand scale and a well-researched crash course in Russo-Chinese history. This is a vivid story ... The characters of Lydia and Chang An Lo are brilliantly drawn.

Marie Claire: A novel that is breathtakingly good.

The Bookseller: This is my pick of the month. An epic romantic adventure, relentlessly paced with a fabulous cast of characters. Wonderfully atmospheric.

Publishers Weekly: Furnivall vividly evokes Lydia's character and personal struggles against a backdrop of depravity and corruption.

Historical Novels Review: Editors Choice : This stunning novel brings the atmosphere of 1920s China vividly to life. Furnivall draws an excellent portrait of this distant time and place.

Desert Living: It's *Dr Zhivago* meets *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* in this intense and readable novel ... packed with international intrigue and domestic betrayal.

RT Bookreviews: Fascinating historical events. The strong characters, a wonderful heroine and a colourful backdrop will intrigue.

Library Journal: Furnivall's characters are engaging and her pacing quick ... in this entertaining story.

Herald Express: The excitement rarely falters from start to finish ... a splendid read.

Minneapolis Star Tribune: An admirable work of historical fiction ... compellingly transports us back to 1928 and northern China.

Sainsbury's Magazine: Atmospheric and gripping.

Night Owl Reviews.com: This is one of the year's must read books.

The Russian Concubine has been selected as:

(USA) **The Chicago Tribune's** Hot Read.

Show's Book of the Month.

(USA) **Target's** lead book to launch their new book club.

(UK) **Marie Claire's** Book of the Month.

(UK) **Glamour's** Glamour Must-Read.

(USA) **BookSense's** Number One Pick for all independent bookstores.

(UK) **Asda** Bookclub choice

(UK) **Waterstones' Paperback of the Year** list.

(UK) **BBC Radio Five Live's Simon Mayo**

(UK) **WHSmith Travel's Read of the Week**

The Russian Concubine has sold over 150,000 copies in the UK and over 170,000 in the US.

The Russian Concubine reached #30 on the New York Times extended bestseller list.

The Russian Concubine was on the UK Heatseekers list for over three months.

The Russian Concubine has been sold to the following countries:

UK	LittleBrown/Sphere
USA	Berkley
Croatia	Profil International
Czech Republic	BB art s.r.o.
France	Calmann/Levy
Germany	Goldmann/Page & Turner
Greece	Oceanida
Hungary	Lektor Kiado
Israel	Opus Press
Italy	Fanucci Editore
Netherlands	Unieboek
Poland	Muza
Portugal	Porto Editora
Russia	Mir Knigi
Serbia	Laguna
Spain	Ediciones B
Slovenia	Mladinska Knjiga Založba
Turkey	Pegasus Yayinlari