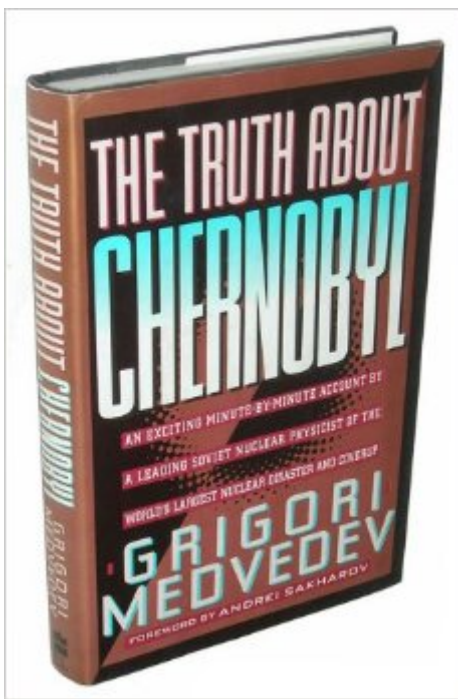


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# The Truth About Chernobyl



## Synopsis

The Truth About Chernobyl by Grigori Medvedev, the top Soviet physicist who was originally commissioned to investigate the tragedy, is at long last available to reveal the long-suppressed, minute-by-minute account of the disaster and cover-up along with an analysis of the consequences.

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The events of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion left only a slight imprint on my memory back in 1986. As a college sophomore, my attention was focused mostly on the happenings within the insular world that a college campus seems to provide most nineteen year olds, and for the most part, world events didn't factor into the equation. My recollection is that Chernobyl did not resonate with most Americans as it should have; the Challenger disaster (several months earlier) still consumed a healthy share of news coverage and the highly secretive nature of the Soviet Union rarely gave the rest of the world a glimpse of occurrences behind the Iron Curtain. Ironically, it was a video game (more specifically, the S.T.A.L.K.E.R. video game series that lets you explore Pripjat and the exclusion zone) that generated a strong desire to learn more about Chernobyl and its aftermath. My quest to learn more started with Grigori Medvedev's THE TRUTH ABOUT CHERNOBYL, a book that delivers a before-and-after account of the Chernobyl explosion, as well as a peek into the dark heart of the Soviet Union and its efforts to downplay and conceal a disaster of epic proportions. There were two things I considered in choosing this book: 1) Medvedev's expertise as a Soviet nuclear engineer and 2) the year the book was first published (originally in

1991 ... five years after the event). I was interested in hearing the voice of an expert from within the Soviet Union at a time when the events were still relatively fresh. Medvedev is not merely an outside expert with an opinion, but someone with first-hand knowledge of the Chernobyl plant, before and after the explosion (as an investigator). His words carry a degree of authority that resonates throughout the book.

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