

**A Life on the Left: Moritz Mebel's Journey Through the Twentieth Century**

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**Abstract**

In *A Life on the Left*, Moritz Mebel describes life as a Jewish refugee from Germany in 1930s Moscow, service in the Red Army during the war, and what it meant to be a Jew in Stalin's Russia and communist East Germany. He also evaluates his life as a political activist upon his return to East Germany after Stalin's death and offers insight into the allure of communism.