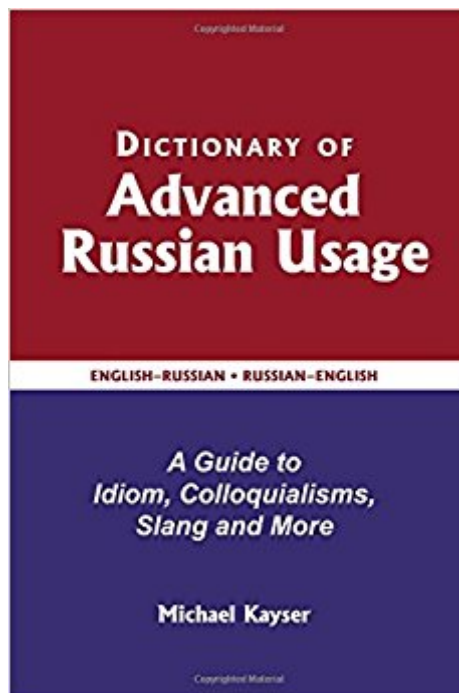




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It is rare when a dictionary is compiled from a person's life.

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