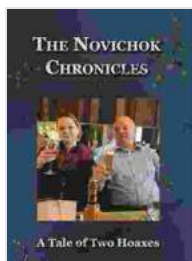


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In March 2018, Sergei Skripal, a former Russian double agent, and his daughter, Yulia, were poisoned in Salisbury, England. The UK government quickly blamed Russia for the attack, and tensions between the two countries escalated. However, as more information emerged, it became clear that the case was not as straightforward as it seemed.

In this article, we will take a closer look at the Novichok Chronicles, a series of events that have raised serious questions about the UK government's handling of the Skripal poisoning case. We will examine the evidence, explore the different theories that have been put forward, and consider the possible ramifications of this case for international relations.



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The Skripal Poisoning

On March 4, 2018, Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found unconscious on a bench in Salisbury, England. They had been poisoned with a nerve agent, later identified as Novichok.

Novichok is a group of highly toxic nerve agents developed by the Soviet Union during the Cold War. It is one of the most deadly chemical weapons known to man, and there is no known antidote.

The UK government quickly blamed Russia for the attack, and expelled 23 Russian diplomats from the country. Russia denied any involvement, and the case quickly became a major diplomatic crisis.

The Investigation

The UK government launched a major investigation into the poisoning, led by the Metropolitan Police. The investigation quickly focused on two suspects, Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov, who were identified as Russian military intelligence officers.

Petrov and Boshirov were captured on CCTV footage in Salisbury on the day of the poisoning. They were also seen buying the nerve agent from a Russian military intelligence officer in Moscow.

In September 2018, the UK government released a dossier of evidence against Petrov and Boshirov. The dossier included the CCTV footage, as well as transcripts of phone calls between the two men.

The Evidence

The UK government's evidence against Petrov and Boshirov is largely based on CCTV footage and phone records. However, there are a number

of problems with the evidence.

First, the CCTV footage is of poor quality, and it is difficult to identify Petrov and Boshirov with certainty. Second, the phone records show that Petrov and Boshirov made a number of calls to each other on the day of the poisoning, but these calls could have been innocuous.

There is also no evidence that Petrov and Boshirov actually carried out the poisoning. They were seen in Salisbury on the day of the poisoning, but they were not seen near the bench where Skripal and Yulia were found.

The Theories

There are a number of different theories about who was responsible for the Skripal poisoning. Some believe that Russia was behind the attack, while others believe that it was a false flag operation carried out by the UK government.

There is no definitive evidence to support either of these theories. However, there are a number of problems with the UK government's case against Russia.

First, the evidence against Petrov and Boshirov is weak. Second, the UK government has refused to release all of the evidence in the case. Third, the UK government has a history of using false flag operations to justify military action.

The Ramifications

The Skripal poisoning case has had a number of serious ramifications for international relations.

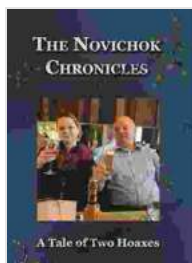
First, the case has further damaged relations between the UK and Russia. The two countries are now at their lowest point since the Cold War.

Second, the case has raised serious questions about the UK government's commitment to the rule of law. The government has been accused of withholding evidence and manipulating public opinion.

Third, the case has eroded public trust in the media. The media has been accused of parroting the government's line on the case, without questioning the evidence.

The Skripal poisoning case is a complex and controversial issue. There is no easy answer to the question of who was responsible for the attack. However, the UK government's case against Russia is weak, and there are a number of problems with the evidence.

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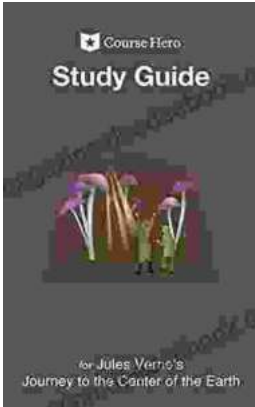
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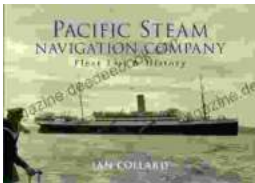
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