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This book comprises ten speeches in court by people who opposed Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, and were arrested, tried and handed long jail sentences for doing so. There are also letters and interviews in which they made their case; two statements, made outside court, by other protesters who went on trial; a summary of 17 other anti-war protesters' speeches in Russian courts; and a chapter on resistance in the occupied territories of Ukraine, and in Russia, and the reaction by the Kremlin's repressive machine.

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Statements by Alexei Gorinov, Igor Paskar, Bohdan Ziza, Mikhail Kriger, Andrei Trofimov, Sasha Skochilenko, Aleksandr Skobov, Darya Kozyreva, Alexei Rozhkov, Ruslan Siddiqi, Kirill Butylin and Savelii Morozov

“This remarkable book gathers the voices of those persecuted in Russia for opposing the war in Ukraine—individuals whose acts of resistance range from writing a few words to sabotaging military equipment. Yet all their actions are bound by a common thread: conscience. They insist that even prison is preferable to a life lived in fear, and that true self-preservation lies in safeguarding one’s dignity and moral clarity—not merely the body or personal freedom. Their words speak to silent Russians—*you are not alone*; to Ukrainians—*we stand with you*; and to the Russian state—*we see you, we remember, and history will judge you*. Refusing the label of political prisoners and insisting on being called patriots, they offer more than resistance—they offer hope”.

Alexei Yurchak, Professor of Anthropology at University of California, Berkeley, author of *Everything Was Forever, Until It Was No More: the Last Soviet Generation*.

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