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***Two Stories of Our Time Takes Readers to the Other Side***

*Arbat Square and Plaza Mayor: Two Stories of Our Time*, the multi volume set by John Halbert, takes readers into the inner workings of the “other side” through action, intrigue, adventure, and romance.

In the first volume, *Arbat Square*, oil trader Kip Leeds goes on a dangerous journey to Africa where he comes into twenty million dollars of black money. In Moscow, Terenty Suslov, a rising young Soviet Military Intelligence officer, attends a secret Special Forces academy, training for an intense mission to penetrate the United States. Leonid Retchkio, an unprincipled former Soviet general, masterminds an international crime cartel that supplies weapons and training to subversive terrorist groups whose influence will extend all the way to the Twin Towers of Manhattan.

*Plaza Mayor*, the second volume in the series, tracks Larry Landay, a young California marketing executive taking a shipment of sophisticated electronics to Africa. While there, he encounters a crime cartel supplying weapons and training to international terrorists. The American Investigation Agency joins forces with the Russian Security Service and International Police to try to stop the cartel’s mastermind. This Conspiracy Thriller offers surprising perspectives of the “other side”, where the subjects – most of whom do not know each other but are nevertheless inexorably intertwined – are brought together at historic “Plaza Mayor” for the world-shaking climax.

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