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*The Revolution of Peter the Great* has 88 ratings and 6 reviews. Troy said: This is not meant to be a complete biography of Peter the Great but a short na. Peter the Great established an absolute monarchy, opened Russia to the West, achieved great power status, created a navy, modernized his army. *The Revolution of Peter the Great* is a lively and readable account of the reforms of Peter the Great and the tremendous changes he wrought in Russian. Summary. Many books chronicle the remarkable life of Russian tsar Peter the Great, but none analyze how his famous reforms actually took root and spread in .

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