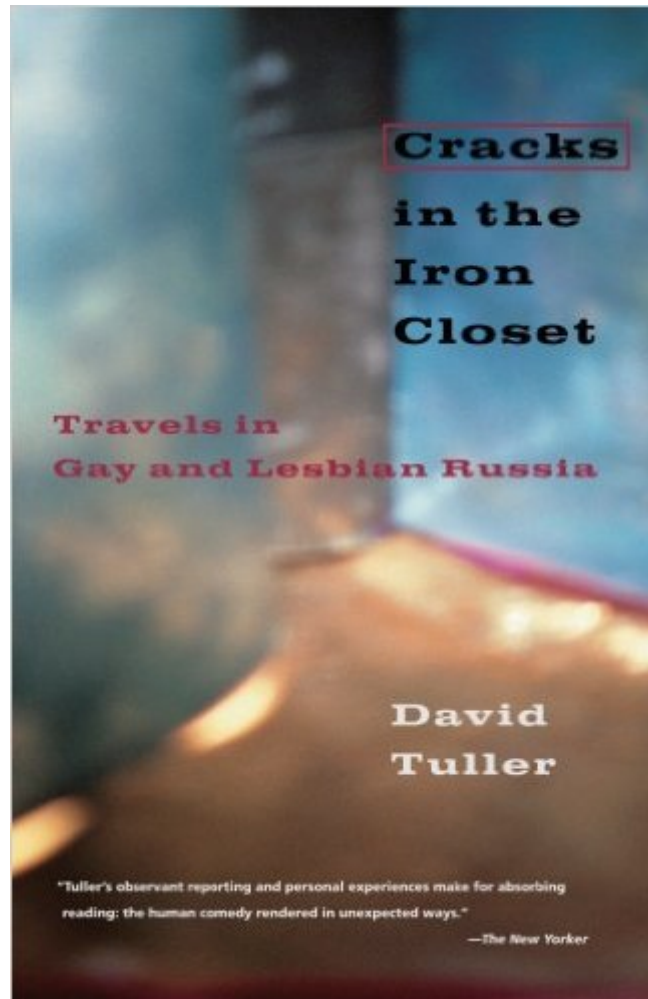


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Dave Tuller captures the essence of our experience but you sort of had to be there. Remember, this was 1992 Russia. We were followed by KGB the whole time because we dared have a "kiss-in" in front of Moscow City Hall. A whole bunch of gay/bi/straight radicals demanding fair treatment in that

environment, it was crazy. He also misses the visit to the AIDS ward where we met people who had not been touched, hugged or kissed since they were locked up. It was heartbreaking. Dave's a good friend, a good writer, and a great photographer. Well worth reading.

as a student in russia and eastern european studies, Tuller's book casts much needed light on the struggles of gays and lesbians in Russia. it has helped me to more fully understand the russian mind and soul. thank you

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