

# DUSHA - Russian Soul:

Describing Russia's heart and soul (dusha)

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This book sets out to describe Russia's heart and soul (Dusha). Between 2002 and 2007, Davide Monteleone travelled across many ex-Soviet Republics, capturing the melancholy, joy and solitude of Russian people. That famous spirit, imperceptible and indefinable, is revealed iconographically and poetically in this series of photographs that are distant yet intimate at the same time.

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photos describing modern  
Russia**

Born in 1974, Monteleone worked as a photographer in a number of projects that have focused on local and social issues as well as producing reportages of distant and exotic lands, many of which have been published in several prestigious newspapers and magazines. In 2007, he won the World Press Photo for his images of Beirut. He joined Agenzia Contrasto in 2001. This book, presented alongside an exhibition, won the 2007 Taf prize at the Lucca Digital Photo Festival. In 2008 and in 2009, he won the Best Photo Book prize at the international Photo Festival in Rome.



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