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comments There are a large number of Romanov Palaces Several are truly huge. One thinks of The Winter Palace in St Petersburg and the Palaces of Petrodvorets (Peterhof) and Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin) outside St Petersburg. There are the more intimate palaces like Pavlovsk and Catchina , and Oranienbaum and others covered in this book Then there are the palaces of a large number of Grand Dukes K Maxwell has listed these so I will only note a few points The Catherine Palace is in The Tsarskoye Selo complex (Puskin) The Chinese Palace is at Oranienbaum For those who are new to Romanov Palaces one should know about some of the following Several books of interest are The Winter Palace This is a truly astounding set of watercolours done in the 19th century . Rare copies come up , often \$250 plus See the review. For lovers of the winter Palace I will try and find a cheaper book or two as well. Most books on the Winter Palace focus on its role as the great art museum -- the Hermitage Imperial Palaces in the Vicinity of St. Petersburg: Watercolours, Paintings and Engravings from the XVIIIth and XIXth Centuries (4 Volumes) Mainly 19th century Watercolours of Peterhof, Tsarskoye Selo, Pavlovsk and Gatchina These watercolours were central to much of the restoration work done post war Very rare and expensive Tsarskoe Selo: Watercolours, paintings and engravings from the XVIIIth and XIXth centuries (Imperial Palaces in the Vicinity of St. Petersburg, Volume 4 "Views of the Palaces of Tsarskoe Selo") The volume on Tsarskoye Selo . One of the two huge palaces with Peterhof Comes up more often, about \$75 or so. For those who want to see pre WWII views and compare them to the restoration. See reviews Risen from the ashes: Petrodvorets, Pushkin, Pavlovsk See review Covers the restoration of these three palaces post WWII Contains extensive exterior and interior views in good colour. A very good tour of the various building, outhouses , gardens and parks. Various priced often around \$50 plus Pavlovsk Palace Park A very full coverage of this more intimate palace and park with good colour photography. A truly excellent tour of Palace and Grounds. It is 112 paged but my guess is it is between 250-300 pages making it very comprehensive See my review 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pretty pictures, but the background is confused given the ... By DENISE MCALLISTER Pretty pictures, but the background is confused given the names given in the book are different than the names given to the palaces now.

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