

CILIPS COVID-19 Book Reviews – A Gentleman in Moscow

Reviewer name: Nick Overfield

Book title: A Gentleman in Moscow

Author name: Amor Towles

Genre: Historical Fiction

Overall Rating: Excellent

Brief summary: Alexander Rostov, a Russian aristocrat, is sentenced to house arrest in a large Moscow hotel shortly after the Communist revolution. Though he can't leave, it gives him an opportunity to observe human nature as well as the societal upheaval of the Soviet era.

What you liked: It was funny - I frequently found myself laughing out loud. It was a gentle read, and I enjoyed the characterisation and historical detail.

In effect he is in lockdown, and it was interesting to see how he deals with his circumstances.

Anything you didn't like: Not being able to visit the Metropol Hotel, Moscow.

Who should read this book?: Read if you enjoy historical fiction, Russian history, or humorous novels.