the romanovs 1613 1918 by simon sebag montefiore - the romanovs inhabit a world of family rivalry imperial ambition lurid glamour sexual excess and depraved sadism this is a world where obscure strangers suddenly claim to be dead monarchs reborn brides are poisoned fathers torture their sons to death sons kill fathers wives murder husbands a holy man poisoned and shot arises apparently from the dead barbers and peasants ascend to supremacy giants and freaks are collected dwarfs are tossed beheaded heads kissed tongues torn out

the devastating true story of the romanov family s execution - the slaughter of the romanov family and servants which took place exactly 100 years ago on this day in 1918 was one of the seminal events of the 20th century