



## A Companion to Andrei Platonov's The Foundation Pit (Paperback)

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Academic Studies Press, United States, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Written at the height of Stalin's first five-year plan for the industrialisation of Soviet Russia and the parallel campaign to collectivise Soviet agriculture, Andrei Platonov's *The Foundation Pit* registers a dissonant mixture of utopian longings and despair. Furthermore, it provides essential background to Platonov's parody of the mainstream Soviet production novel, which is widely recognised as one of the masterpieces of twentieth-century Russian prose. In addition to an overview of the work's key themes, it discusses their place within Platonov's oeuvre as a whole, his troubled relations with literary officialdom, the work's ideological and political background, and key critical responses since the work's first publication in the West in 1973.

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