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Yevgeny Yevtushenko is one of my favorite Russian poets. Years ago, while I was in graduate school at the State University of New York at Buffalo, I bought this copy (the book lists its selling price as 75 cents!). I still enjoy repairing to this collection every so often. There is a nice, albeit brief, introduction to his work, written by Robin Milner-Gulland and Peter Levi. It does provide useful context for the poetry to follow. But it is the poetry that is the heart of this slim work. A few lines to illustrate his art. . . . "Zima Junction" "As we get older we get honester, that's something." "Lies" "Telling lies to the young is wrong. Proving to them that lies are true is wrong." "Visit" "with one sudden thought, how little I have done in life, how much I can do." "Waking" "And how I flattered myself From time to time with proving to myself Nothing in you could be unknown to me. You don't belong to the mind's calculations, And you disproved each of my demonstrations, Since to be unexpected is your truth." All in all, a nice, although brief, introduction to the poetry of Yevtushenko.

This collection of Yevtushenko includes the poem for which he is most famous, 'Babi Yar'. This powerful work of identification with Jewish suffering is a remarkable work of human feeling.

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