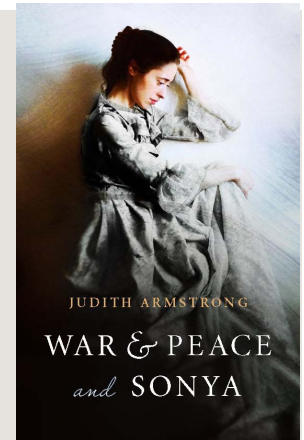


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### Description

In 1862, Sonya Tolstoy married the greatest author the world has ever known, Leo Tolstoy. For forty-eight years they shared their lives in a union that was at once passionate, collegial and combative. Sixteen years younger than her husband, Sonya bore him thirteen children and worked for years as his copyist, rewriting countless drafts of his timeless novels. Both were mercurial and passionate personalities and, towards his end, Tolstoy deserted her.

In *War & Peace and Sonya*, Russian scholar Judith Armstrong tells Sonya's own story exploring their devotion and ambivalence to one another, their passion for great literature and the powers of the imagination, and showing us just how remarkably true to life fiction can be.

### Sales Points

- A fascinating biographical novel offering insight into one of history's most misrepresented marriages: the Tolstoys
- Judith translated Sonya's diaries herself, and this, combined with her expertise in Russian culture and literature, forms the basis of *War & Peace and Sonya*
- Advance reading copies will be available

### Author Profile

Judith Armstrong was born and educated in Melbourne. Judith taught Russian literature and culture at the University of Melbourne, where she initiated several interdepartmental courses in European Studies, and published five academic books. Leaving the university to write full-time, she has continued to publish fiction, non-fiction, reviews and articles for newspapers and magazines, as well as opera programs. Judith Armstrong's previous books include *The Christesen Romance* (shortlisted, Age Book of the Year Award in 1996) and *The Cook and the Maestro: The Story of Stefano & Sergio de Pieri* (2001). *The French Tutor* (2003) was her first novel