

THE RULE OF THE FEW



STOLEN

THE GREATEST TRANSFER OF WEALTH IN HISTORY

AMBITION, GREED AND DESIRE, BORN IN A DYING EMPIRE

IN TIMES OF TURMOIL FROM THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE,
AND FROM ROBBER-BARONS TO PANDEMIC PROFITEERS, TWO SETS OF PEOPLE
ALWAYS GET RICH — THE MOST POWERFUL AND THE MOST RUTHLESS.

8 X 1HR ENGLISH LANGUAGE DRAMA SERIES IN VEIN OF THE SOPRANOS,
CHERNOBYL AND THE GODFATHER.

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We are all aware of the flood of Russian money entering London in the early 2000s – hence the moniker ‘Londograd’. Sanctions have made the public become aware of the influence of Russian money on our politics. But very few people know how it started in the first place. The story of the Oligarchs starts in the broken down streets of a dying Soviet Union, and takes us up skyscrapers, into money laundering and football clubs, and the financial centres of London’s elite.

STOLEN tells the true story of how a handful of men and women go from relative poverty and obscurity in the crumbling USSR, to unimaginable wealth and power in just a few short years. Along the way, their ingenuity and desire to shake things up are gradually replaced with an ever-more ruthless desire to survive and grow – to win at any cost. They become the architects of the transformation of their country, then of their own downfall, as they are forced to flee first from Russia and then back to it...

STOLEN follows their fortunes from 1988 to 2023, from the collapse of the Soviet Union to the war in Ukraine, both the challenges to their personal love and loyalty and the challenge of riding an economic tiger. Just as Chernobyl asked the dramatic question “How could this happen?” STOLEN asks “How the hell did we get here?” The answer lies in the flawed, fascinating men and women who made and moved a mountain of wealth and who put Putin in power, but sometimes lived to regret it.

A major drama series in the tradition of The Sopranos and Chernobyl, rooted in the same family dynamic as The Godfather.

STOLEN has been created by people who witnessed the events first hand.

THE TEAM

DIRECTOR

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StoryFirst (formerly Pinewood Television) was founded by Lord Michael Grade (former BBC Chairman, former ITV Chairman, Current Ofcom Chairman), Ivan Dunleavy (20 Year CEO Pinewood Group), and media entrepreneur Peter Gerwe. Notable projects include The Child In Time for the BBC (starring Benedict Cumberbatch) and the Company is currently coproducing Hot Air (Starring Andrew Garfield, Directed by David Leitch) with Universal and Two&Two.