



UNKNOWN KARELIA

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SYNOPSIS

Karelia is a region that is part Finnish, part Russian. Only seven percent of its inhabitants consider themselves Karelians and therefore belong to one of the Finno-Ugric peoples of Europe. Forests and over sixty thousand lakes – that's Karelia, a region in north-eastern Europe. Part of it belongs to Finland, a larger part, known as the Republic of Karelia, belongs to Russia. Seven percent of the inhabitants still identify as Karelians and therefore belong to one of the Finno-Ugric peoples of Europe. The vast majority are Russian, and the official and commonly spoken language is Russian. Many Karelians are concerned about the survival of their culture and language and fight to keep it alive. Forester Wiglijev would like nothing more than for his son to appreciate Karelia's countryside and rural village life, because Karelia is struggling with a massive rural exodus. Young people in particular are moving away – to settle in Petersburg or nearby Finland. Numerous villages are...

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