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An enjoyable collection of stories about young people who hitchhike across Russia. They have land mass. They have road. They don't get stuck all day outside of Wawa. The place names alone made me want to load my backpack. Good translation.

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By and about Russian hitchhikers, these stories take the reader along the endless roads of central Russia, the Urals, the Altai, Siberia, and beyond. In energetic and vivid prose they depict all sorts of curious Russian types: exotic adventures in far-flung places, the complex psychological relationships that develop on the road, and these hitchhikers' inexplicable passion for tramping. "In via veritas" is their motto. The authors are all winners of the Debut Prize, and will present the book at BEA in 2012 in New York.
Irina Bogatyreva lives in Moscow. She has won several prizes, including the Debut, for her novel AUTO-STOP. She has several published books to her credit.
Tatiana Mazepina is the latest Debut Prize winner. She is a member of the Society of Free Travellers. She works as a journalist and writes on religious matters.
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All the three authors are winners of the prestigious Debut Prize for young writers.
IGOR SAVELYEV was born in 1983 in Ufa (Bashkiria). He holds a degree in Philology from Ufa University and is now at work on his Ph.D. A short novel based on his experiences hitchhiking was a finalist for both the Debut and Belkin prizes in 2004. Critics have noted his masterful, finely chiseled style based on brilliant counterpoints like a virtuoso music piece. Here realism is bordering on phantasmagoria, a striking sample of new-generation psychological prose.
IRINA BOGATYREVA, born in 1982 on the Volga, is widely published in the leading literary magazines and won several important literary prizes, including the prestigious Debut Prize for her novel AUTO-STOP which came out from the biggest publishing house in Russia. She has several other books to her credit and enjoys both readers and critics acclaim.
Tatiana Mazepina is the latest winner of the Debut Prize for her travelogue about her Eastern travels. She is a member of the "Society of Free Travellers". She works as a journalist writing on religious matters.