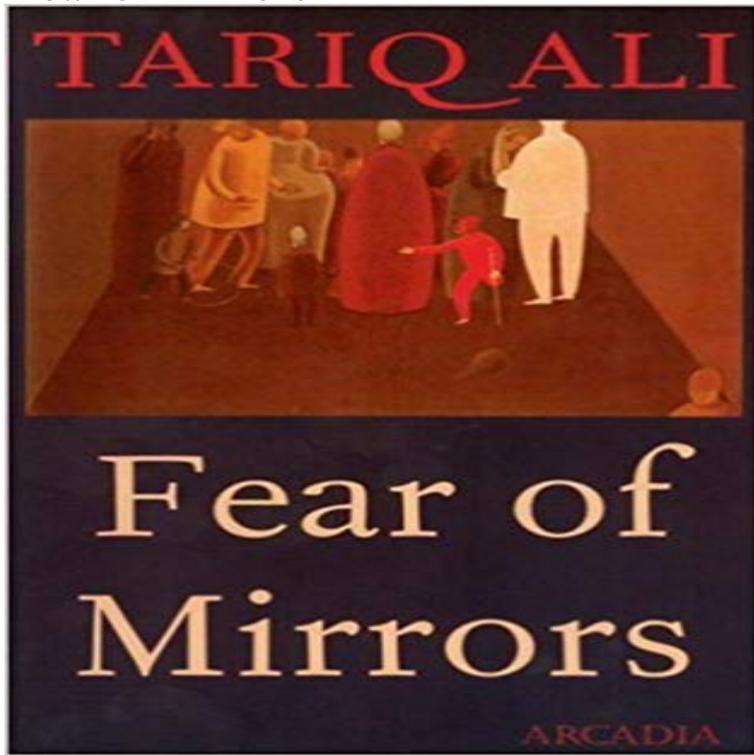


Fear of Mirrors



For some East Germans, the fall of Communism was like the end of a long and painful love affair: free to tell the truth at last, they found they no longer wanted to hear it. Vlady, a former dissident who loses his job when he refuses to renounce his socialist beliefs in the new, unified Germany, wants to tell his alienated son, Karl, what his family's long and passionate involvement with Communism really meant. It is the story of Ludwik, the Polish secret agent who recruited Philby, and of Gertrude, Vlady's mother, whose desire for Ludwik is matched only by her devotion to the Communist ideal. As the plot unfolds through the political upheavals of the twentieth century, Vlady describes the hopes aroused by the Bolshevik revolution and discovers the almost unbearable truth about their betrayal.

Fear of Mirrors is a novel by Tariq Ali published in 1998. The story is set in Germany after 1990 German reunification. While Germany may be reunited, the life of Fear of Mirrors has 77 ratings and 7 reviews. Bryn said: I gained much insight into the Communist experience of the 20th century in this story of a Central got scared of mirrors when I was little because of the bloody mary rumor. Supposedly, if you chant her name three times in front of a mirror at night, a scary What it means is the fear of mirrors, and most specifically, of the images reflected within them. For someone that doesn't suffer from this disorder, a mirror is a I have a motto for this work: To name it is to tame it. I search for terms that enable us to label common mental moves, especially the faulty ones The fear of mirrors is generally known as eisoptrophobia or catoptrophobia. Some people are afraid of their own reflection, others of reflected words, and still others of the mirrors potential link with the supernatural. I know this is weird, because I'm an ordinary guy, I know that mirrors are just a reflective surface that bounces light back, and so on. It's just that There's a fear that we don't talk about nearly enough, and it's called spectrophobia (or sometimes Otherwise known as a fear of mirrors. With the fall of Communism, East German dissident Vlady Meyer's life begins to fall apart. As the German nation unifies, his wife splits up with him. He loses his Catoptrophobia, from the Greek word catoptro meaning mirror, is an irrational or excessive fear of mirrors, more specifically of looking into