



The Egg With A Golden Yolk

How one Easter gift for a tsarina became fifty jeweled eggs with secrets inside

One Tsar, One Easter Gift

In 1885, Tsar Alexander III asked jeweller Carl Faberge for an Easter gift for his wife. The result was a white enamel egg hiding a solid gold yolk inside.

Source: [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

A Yolk Inside a Yolk

Crack the gold yolk open and a tiny gold hen sits inside it. Open the hen and out comes a miniature diamond crown with a small ruby pendant hanging from it.

Source: [Faberge](#)

Fifty Eggs Over Thirty-Two Years

The tsarina loved her egg so much a new one was ordered every Easter after. Nicholas II kept the tradition going, giving two eggs a year, one to his mother and one to his wife.

Source: [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

A Revolution Ends the Run

In March 1917 the February Revolution forced Nicholas II to abdicate. Russia's provisional government moved the imperial eggs to the Kremlin for safekeeping that September, weeks before the Bolsheviks seized power. The family was executed the next year.

Source: [HISTORY](#)

Sold Off in the Hard Years

In the 1920s and 30s, famine and a struggling economy pushed the Soviet government to sell many imperial eggs abroad. Of the original 50, only 43 are known to survive today.

Source: [HISTORY](#)

Found on a Scrap Metal Stall

An American scrap dealer bought a gold egg in 2010 for about 13,300 dollars, just for the metal. In 2014 he learned it was a lost Faberge imperial egg worth millions.

Source: [HISTORY](#)

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A good morning starts with something simple hiding something good inside, like a Fresh Yolk egg on your table.

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