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*To my parents, Hildegard and Karl Weis*

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## Note on Conversion

In this book, I provide an average conversion rate from the Russian Rouble to British Pound Sterling calculated for the time of my second data collection in 2014/2015.

In the winter of 2014, the Russian currency experienced a strong inflation. To illustrate, a common final compensation of 800,000 ₪ for a surrogacy arrangement in St. Petersburg fluctuated between approximately £13,300 in August 2014, £9,950 in December 2014 and £10,200 in May 2015.

Payments for surrogacy pregnancies in Russia commonly entail the details as listed in the table below. Because of the fluctuation of the Russian Rouble over the course of my research, I am rendering a conversion to British Pound Sterling based on an average for 2014/2015.

<b>Costs</b>	<b>Russian Rouble</b>	<b>British Pound Sterling</b>
Final compensation (full term, healthy delivery)	800,000–950,000	13,280–15,770
Addition for twin pregnancy	150,000–200,000	2,490–3,320
Addition for caesarean section	150,000–200,000	2,490–3,320
Monthly allowance	20,000–25,000	332–415
Monthly allowance (twins)	25,000–35,000	415–581

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