

BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *OUR BACKS WARMED BY THE SUN* VERA MALOFF SHARES THE FASCINATING MEMOIRS OF HER GRANDFATHER, NOTED DOUKHOBOR PACIFIST AND PHILOSOPHER PETE MALOFF, WRITTEN DURING HIS YEARS UNDER HOUSE ARREST FOR PEACEFUL PROTESTS.

*They Called Him a Radical* makes available for the first time the autobiography of Peter N. Maloff (1900–1971). He was born in Canada to Doukhobor parents exiled from Russia after their community had organized a public burning of firearms, one of the most spectacular protests against conscription and the military system at the end of the nineteenth century. Introducing each chapter with insightful personal recollections and historical commentary, Vera Maloff affectionally describes how her open-minded grandfather “Pete” came to be an “Independent Doukhobor,” an intellectual and world citizen, who endured many hardships in his adherence to the moral truth “Thou shalt not kill.” His conscientious approach chimes in with current efforts for an ecologically sustainable future on Earth with social justice for all, and Pete Maloff encourages us by calling for a “bloodless subsistence”—simple living and a vegetarian diet, the renunciation of luxury, the eschewal of exploiting others, and non-violent resistance against all violence and any war along the lines of Leo Tolstoy and Mahatma Gandhi.

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**Front cover:** Pete Maloff and Lusha Hoodicoff were married for fifty-two years. Doukhobor marriage rites were not recognized by the British Columbia government until the late 1950s. Pete and Lusha’s marriage was not registered when they married in 1919.



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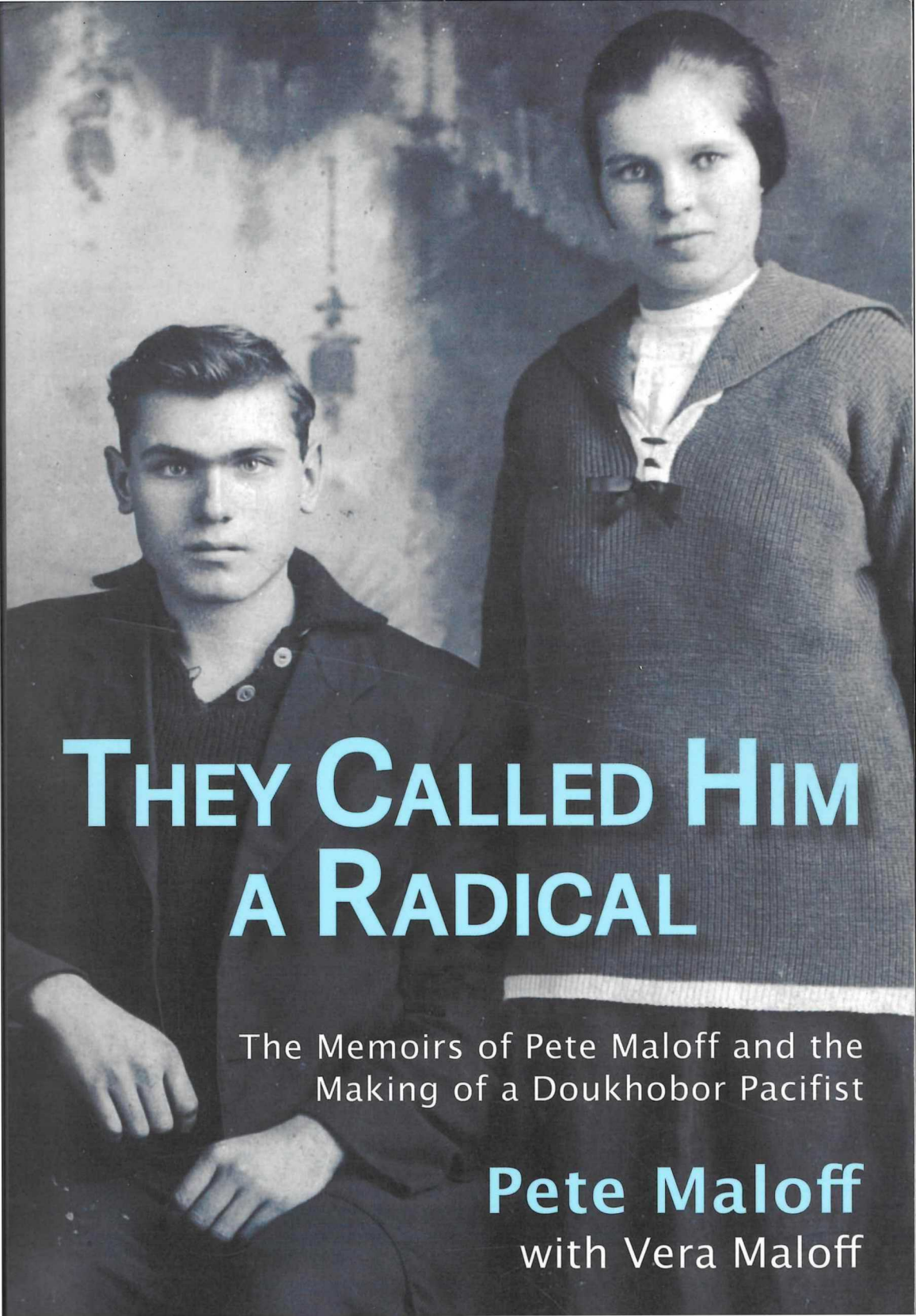
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with Vera Maloff