Nearly a century has passed since Kropotkin wrote *In Russian and French Prisons*, yet his criticisms of the penal system have lost none of their relevance. Prisons—far from reforming the offender, or deterring crime—are, in themselves, "schools of crime". Every year, thousands of prisoners are returned to society without hope, without a trade, or without any means of subsistence, and statistics show that once a man has been in prison he is likely to return. Moreover, the new offense is likely to be more serious than the first. Although Kropotkin makes extensive Start by marking "In Russian and French Prisons (Studies in the Libertarian and Utopian Tradition)" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving… Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. In Russian and French by Pyotr Kropotkin. Other editions. It is his own experience in prison, both in France and in Russia, that gives this book its power. Get A Copy. Amazon. In Russian and French Pri has been added to your Cart. Add gift options. Have one to sell? Choose books together. Track your books. Bring your club to Amazon Book Clubs, start a new book club and invite your friends to join, or find a club that’s right for you for free. Explore Amazon Book Clubs. Flip to back Flip to front.