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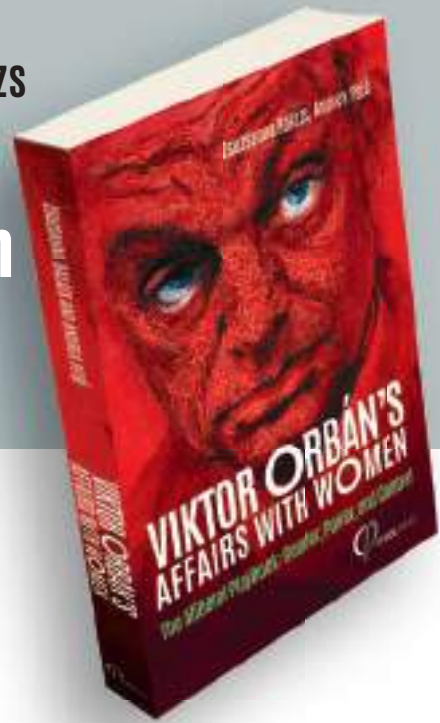
NEW BOOKS



Andrea Pető, Zsuzsanna Balázs

Viktor Orbán's Affairs with Women

**The Illiberal Playbook:
Gender, Power, and Control**



Language: English

Year of publication: 2026

388 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-60-8 € 30

E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-59-2 € 15

The book offers a popular but comprehensive analysis of Viktor Orbán's illiberal policies on human and gender rights. It provides an accessible introduction to how the illiberal gender playbook impacts women, presenting how the government has co-opted and eroded national and international anti-discrimination and equality provisions, thereby creating an alternative to liberal values. Moreover, the book analyzes the reasons behind the decision of women to cast their votes in favor of an illiberal government that discriminates against and impoverishes them. As the Orbán government's gender policies gain international attention, this book serves as a cautionary tale for those concerned about human rights worldwide.



Peter Nemes

The Garden

Language: English

Year of publication: 2026

138 pages

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Gardens are the bearer of happiness. And this story is about a garden, the people surrounding it, and the happiness they all long for.

In Kyoto, a humble gardener quietly tends the gardens of the city's most distinguished families. His work teaches him that gardens reveal what people endeavor to conceal: love, grief, longing and the fragile balance that binds families together.

When the daughter of the respected Nakamura household is sent away under mysterious circumstances, the gardener is entrusted with a secret that will shape several lives for decades.

Marek Torčík

Translated by
Graeme and Suzanne Dibble

Memory Burn



Language: English

Year of publication: 2025

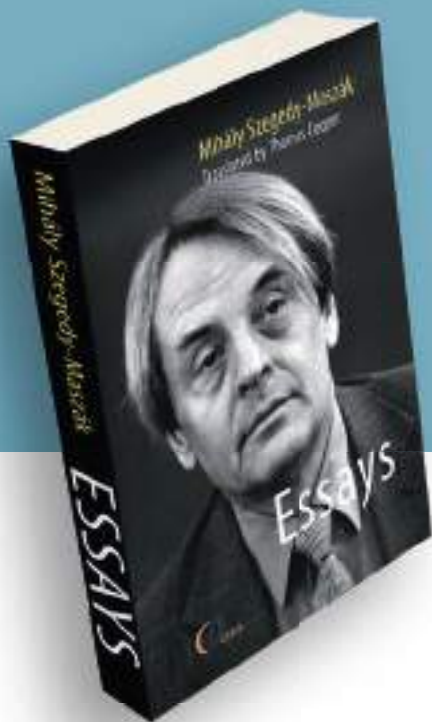
326 pages

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Memory Burn, is a coming-of-age story of a queer boy from a Czech industrial town. Torčík delves into the recesses of memory in an effort to come to terms with painful memories from his childhood. As a homosexual boy with a slight build growing up in a small industrial town, the protagonist of the story faces severe bullying at school, but his problems aren't over once he gets home: his mother, a low-paid factory worker who has to look after her father, an alcoholic nearing the end of his life, has very little tolerance of her son's sexual orientation. One bright spot amid the bleakness of small-town life is the friendship he strikes up with a Romany classmate, Marian, which later develops into a romantic relationship.

The Czech original of the novel (*Rozložíš paměť*) won the 2024 Magnesia Litera Award and the 2024 Jiří Orten Prize.



Mihály Szegedy-Maszák

Translated by Thomas Cooper

Essays

Language: English

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304 pages

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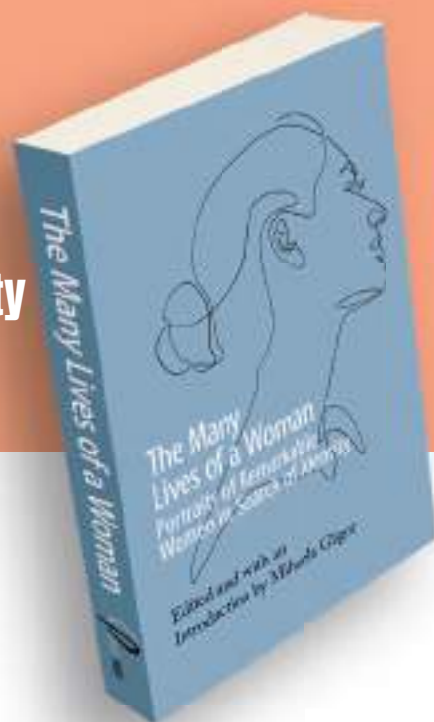
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The essays gathered in this volume offer a modest selection from the work of Mihály Szegedy-Maszák, one of the most distinguished Hungarian literary scholars of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. For several decades, Szegedy-Maszák was a figure of international recognition in the humanities, both as a historian and interpreter of Hungarian literature and as a scholar whose work consistently sought to place Hungarian culture in dialogue with broader European and global traditions.

The Many Lives of a Woman

Portraits of Remarkable Women in Search of Identity

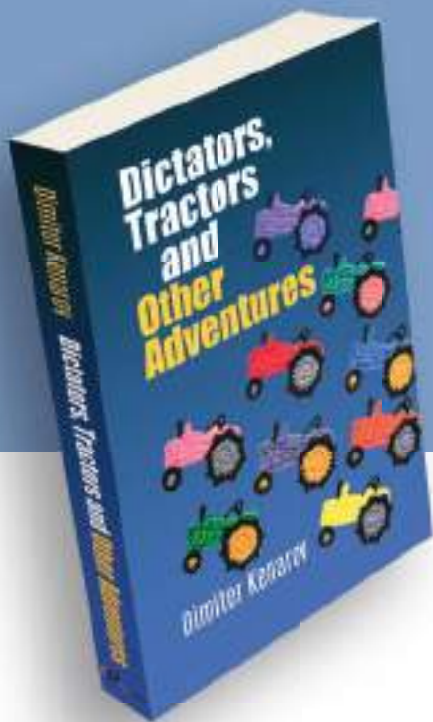
**Edited and with an Introduction
by Mihaela Gligor**



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228 pages
ISBN: 978-3-949607-58-5 € 30
E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-57-8 € 15

Princesses, poets, artists, activists, politicians, survivors, scientists from our times or from the past – all the women reunited here were, at least once in their lives, in search of their identity and they tried to express, as much as they could, their own opinions and also to create something sustainable, that lasts even today. Their legacy is more important the ever and their stories inspire young generations of women, all over the world.

This volume is a celebration of women's creativity and the extraordinary lives of each and every woman described here is just a reminder of their influence and their legacy in a divide world that, in many ways, has lost its direction.



Dimitar Kenarov

Dictators, Tractors, and Other Adventures

Language: English

Year of publication: 2026

332 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-70-7 € 25

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The literary-journalistic reports collected here cover a variety of topics and places: a group of snowboarders trying to overcome the traumas of the past in Bosnia; a theatre director with a dictatorial bent in occupied Crimea; life in a nature reserve in war-time Ukraine; a trip along the Danube with a team of photojournalists; a tractor chase in Belarus with a farcically tragic ending; on the trail of a serial killer in Macedonia; following (two) war criminals in Serbia; wandering through the little-known Roma communities of my native Bulgaria; the coexistence of a provincial town in Kosovo and the largest American military base in the Balkans; the struggle of a village in Romania against a gold mining company; the fight of environmental activists around the world against shale gas extraction. What unites these seemingly so disparate texts is the idea that they all happened outside the room, outside, where, in the words of Mark Twain, "truth is stranger than fiction."

Identity and Collective Memory in Romanian Space History, Society and Culture

**Edited by Carmen Alexandrache,
Rarița Mihail, Arthur Viorel Tuluș**

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This collection explores Romanian realities from the interdisciplinary perspectives. By harmoniously blending theoretical approaches and particular analyses, the manuscript highlights the new researching perspectives, valuable and useful in understanding the Romanian society, culture and history. The authors of this volume are academics of “Dunarea de Jos” University of Galați, Romania, and, most of them are also researchers of the Centre for East European Historical, Social and Cultural Studies.

FROM THE BACKLIST

Alek Popov

Translated by Traci Speed

Mission Turan



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Year of publication: 2024

416 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-24-0 € 30

E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-25-7 € 15

In faraway Turan, a small backward republic in central Asia, an expedition from Bulgaria, a developed, rich country within the EU, searches for the cradle of the once-great Bulgarian nation. Professor Nestorov is convinced that the locals are direct descendants of the proto-Bulgarians and is ready to measure thousands of heads to prove his theory. And elections will soon take place in Bulgaria. The nation suffers from a demographic decline, the rating of politicians is falling. What could be better than finding new Bulgarian voters to cast the appropriate ballot?



Patrik Banga

Translated by Isabel Stainsby

The True Way Out

Language: English

Year of publication: 2024

248 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-40-0 € 30

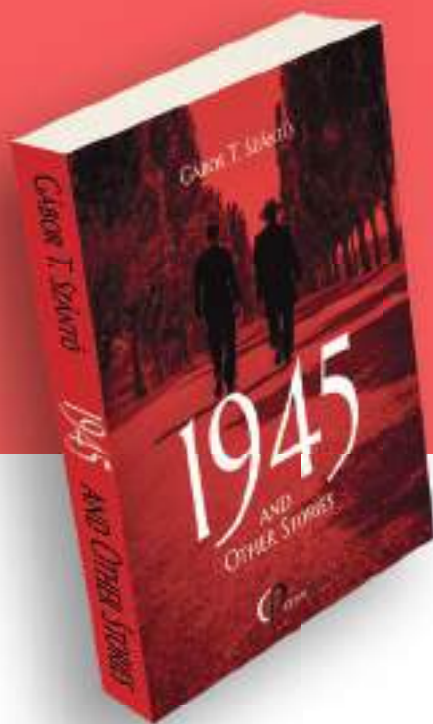
E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-41-7 € 15

The time: 1990s. The place: Prague's Žižkov district. A neighborhood where hopelessness, drugs, alcohol, and fights are the everyday normal. Growing up in the local Roma community means you are destined to be just another misfit. However, the story of journalist Patrik Banga is strikingly different. It captures his life's journey from the Roma quarter to becoming a journalist in the Czech media. In a raw and very open style it depicts the reality of a teenage boy who encounters rejection, criminalization, racism, and police brutality at an early age. And he's looking for a real way out.

Gábor T. Szántó

Translated by Walter Burgess
and Marietta Morry, TLR Bass,
Ivan Sanders

1945 and Other Stories



Language: English

Year of publication: 2024

272 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-39-4 € 30

E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-38-7 € 15

What happened in Europe after World War II to the returning Jews, the displaced Swabians, and the Hungarians in Felvidék (now Slovakia) who were victims of population exchange? The great social dramas of 20th-century Central Europe are as much the subject of this disturbing volume as individual destinies: how does desire stretch the boundaries of everyday norms; how does it destroy lives or forces them to leave their country? What happens to a man who wishes to live as a woman but his chosen vocation requires him to observe religious norms? What happens to a teenager whose first love, his teacher, has her eye on his best friend and plays a vicious game with the boys? What will be the fate of the deaf and mute son of a peasant woman who, in his final exclusion from human society, seeks solace with animals?

Ferenc Török directed a feature film based on the title story of Gábor T. Szántó's book; it received 20 festival awards including recognition at the Berlin International Film Festival and has been distributed in 40 countries.



Jaroslav Kříž

Translated by Jakub Nohavica

Czech America: Chicago

Language: English

Year of publication: 2024

238 pages

ISBN: 978-3-949607-26-4 € 30

E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-27-1 € 15

During the migration waves in the 19th century many Czechs immigrated to America. One of their final destinations was the city of Chicago. At the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries this city became the largest Czech occupied base abroad. Over a hundred thousand Czechs lived in Chicago at that time, so it was therefore considered to be the third largest Czech city.

The book analyzes the course of Czech migration to Chicago and the related development of the Czech minority. Key attention is devoted to the socio-cultural, economic and political development of the Czech minority. Furthermore, the author focuses on important historical milestones and events of the city, which in some way influenced the Czech minority.

**Klára Pinerová,
Michal Louč, Kristýna Bušková**

Prison as a Mirror of Society.

**The Unequal Battle between
Science, Politics and Humanity
1965-1992**



Language: English

Year of publication: 2022

556 pages

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E-ISBN-13: 978-3-949607-17-2 € 40

In Czechoslovak prisons, new approaches based on scientific knowledge began to be applied in the second half of the 1960s, which led to a humane approach to convicts based on their human rights. Although humane practices were condemned in the following decades, the book presents a new perspective on the development of socialist prison system. An innovative methodological approach combining history, social anthropology and psychology provides a comprehensive interdisciplinary view of the prison system in Czechoslovakia in 1965-1992, its place in society, changes in the approach to political and criminal prisoners, adaptation to the prison environment and prison everyday life.



Paul Hazard

Die Krise des Europäischen Geistes

Language: German

Year of publication: 2020

556 page

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Paul Hazard's intellectual history offers an unforgettable account of the birth of the modern European mind in all its dynamic, inquiring, and uncertain glory.



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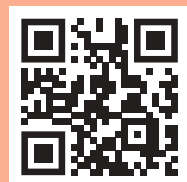
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