

Recommended *Eastern European Odyssey* Books

General History/Biography

Back Door to Byzantium: To the Black Sea by the Great Rivers of Europe. Bill & Laurel Cooper.
An English couple's account of their circumnavigation of Europe in a converted barge.

The Black Sea. Neal Ascherson.

The role the Black Sea has played from ancient Greece and Rome to the present day.

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The Habsburgs: Embodying Empire. Andrew Wheatcroft.

Follow the dynasty that ruled much of Central and Eastern Europe for six centuries.

Mozart: His Character, His Work. Alfred Einstein.

Classic study of Mozart's character and works by one of the world's greatest music historians.

Schubert's Vienna. Raymond Erickson.

Chronicling the life of one of the 19th century's most prolific composers and the city where he lived.

The Third Man. Graham Greene.

A novella about intrigue in post-World War II Vienna, which later became the Oscar-winning 1949 film starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton. The giant Ferris wheel (the *Riesenrad*) the two men rode in the movie still graces Vienna's Prater Park.

Hungary

A Concise History of Hungary. Miklós Molnár.

A concise, but comprehensive 1,000-year history of the country through its 1988 free elections.

The Hungarians: A Thousand Years of Victory in Defeat. Paul Lendvai.

Absorbing history of a proud and passionate people.

Romania

Bucharest. Radu Anton Roman.

A beautiful and witty book about the best of Bucharest and its contributions to European culture.

Romanian Modernism: The Architecture of Bucharest, 1920-1940. L. Machedon & E. Scoffham.

Fascinating study of art and architecture in Bucharest between the two wars, when Bucharest rivaled Paris as a cultural center.

Serbia

The Serb: History, Myth and the Destruction of Yugoslavia. Tim Judah.

A history of the Serbian state and Serbian nationalism from the Middle Ages through centuries of conquest, conflict and oppression.

A Stranger's Supper: An Oral History of Centenarian Women in Montenegro. Zorka Milich.

The recollections of ten aged Montenegrin women reveal fascinating glimpses into ancient past and present life from the perspective of orthodox Serbians, Muslims and a Catholic.

Slovakia

A History of Slovakia: The Struggle for Survival. Stanislav Kirschbaum.

This book chronicles Czechoslovakia's split into two separate nations in 1993, a monumental day for Slovaks, who spent centuries dominated by other nations.

Cookbooks

The Classic Art of Viennese Pastry: From Strudel to Sachertorte—More Than 100 Traditional Recipes. Christine Berl.

The definitive English-language guide to creating professional-quality Viennese pastry.

The Hungarian Cookbook. Susan Derecskey.

Recipes from the fine restaurants of Budapest and the modest homes of Transylvania.