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From childhood Dervla Murphy harboured a secret desire to visit Rumania. Two weeks after the fall of Ceausescu her dream was realized. This is the story of her voyage.;Fate struck at the start of her travels. Crossing the border by train, she was robbed of her rucksack and all her possessions, and a week later she was lucky to survive a serious car accident. Undaunted, she continued to explore the country, staying in urban blocs, small towns and traditional villages, on the plains and in the mountains. Wherever she went she found people both exhilarated and bewildered, as they emerged from the gloom of an oppressive communist regime.

About the AuthorDervla Murphy is one of the very best loved of travel writers. She was born in County Waterford and since 1964 has been regularly publishing accounts of her journeys - by bicycle and on foot -- in the remoter areas of four continents. She has also written about the problems of Northern Ireland, the hazards of nuclear power, and race relations in Britain. The Times Literary Supplement called her 'an admirable woman -- she has a romantic soul and a keen eye'.