

Celebrate the Romanian Spring Arrival (Mărțișor) with the

Virtual Book Launch Party

- OUR VOICES by Diana Radovan -

- Author Reading and Q&A -

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Tuesday, March 1st, 8 to 9 pm CET



Our Voices



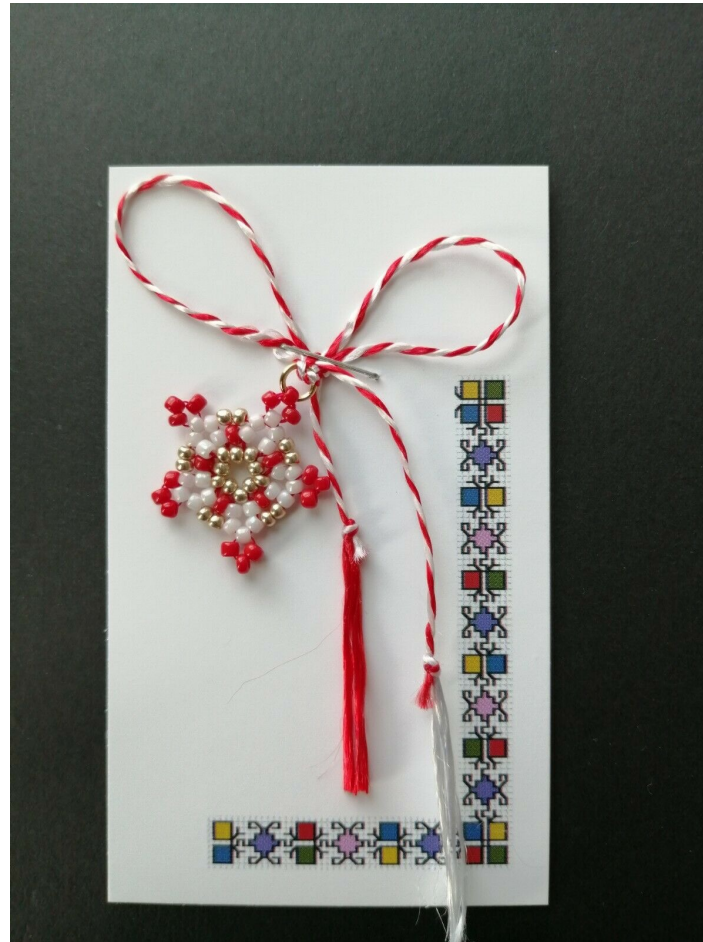
Diana Radovan

"In these times especially, Diana's story, her many stories,
need to be written and heard."

Marianne Rogoff, author of *Silvie's Life*

Why I wrote this hybrid memoir: <http://dianaradovan.com/2019/02/13/our-voices-why-this-book-why-now/>

THANK YOU



Diana





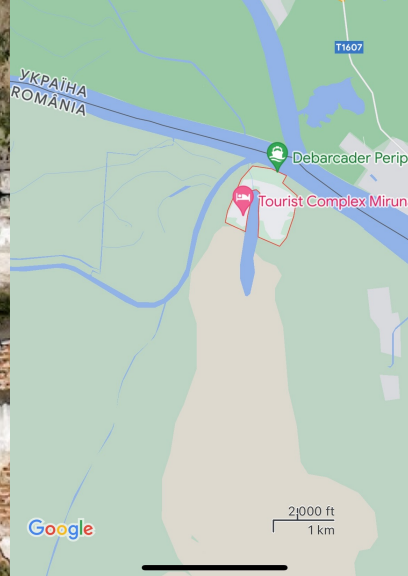
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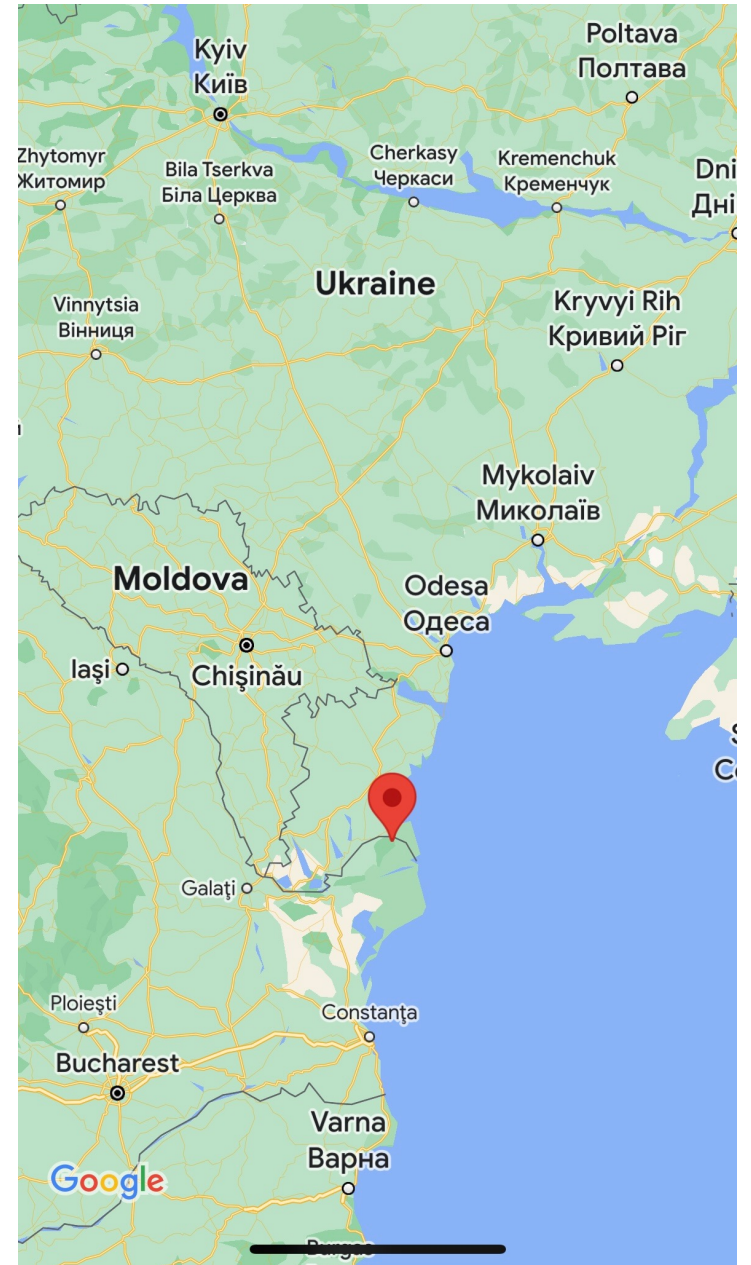


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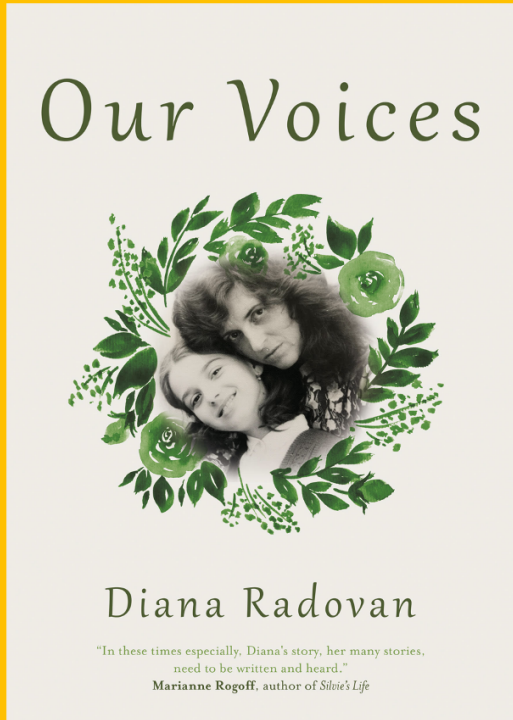


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Where you can buy *Our Voices*

- Amazon – paperback and ebook
- If you're in the UK: [publisher's website](#)
- For most EU countries and Australia: local retailers
 - If you're in Munich: Lost Weekend
 - If you're in other cities in Germany: from me (including shipping fee)
 - If you're in Romania: from me (April 10th to 17th)

Upcoming events



Celebrate IWD 2022 #breakthebias

On Tuesday, March 8th, from 8 to 9 pm CET
with
Diana Radovan and **Ella Voss**

**THE FEMALE LEAD IN MODERN WRITING
AND WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT**

Author-to-Author Chat and Q&A

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www.naturewriting.net



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CREATIVE WRITING



Kaleidoscopic Narratives Diana Radovan



Level 1: £25

Level 2: £12.50

Level 3: £6.25

Monday March 21st

Zoom

<https://www.beyondformcreativewriting.com/kalidescopic>

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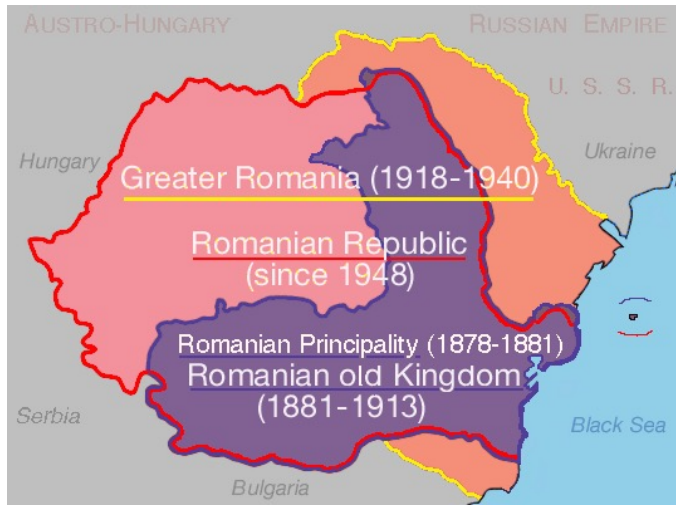
Further recommendations

- Books

- [Burying the Typewriter. Childhood under the Eye of the Secret Police](#) by Carmen Bugan, George Orwell Prize Fellow
- [Mother Winter](#) by Sophia Shalmiyev
- [Border](#) by Kapka Kassabova
- [The Hunger Angel](#) by Herta Müller, Nobel Prize Winner
- [The Book of My Lives](#) by Aleksander Hemon
- [The Captive Mind](#) by Czesław Miłosz
- [The Unbearable Lightness of Being](#) by Milan Kundera
- [The Snows of Yesteryear](#) by Gregor von Rezzori
- [Mud Sweeter than Honey: Voices of Communist Albania](#) by Margo Rejmer
- [Voices from Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster](#) (UK title: *Chernobyl Prayer: A Chronicle of the Future*) by Svetlana Alexievich, Nobel Prize Winner

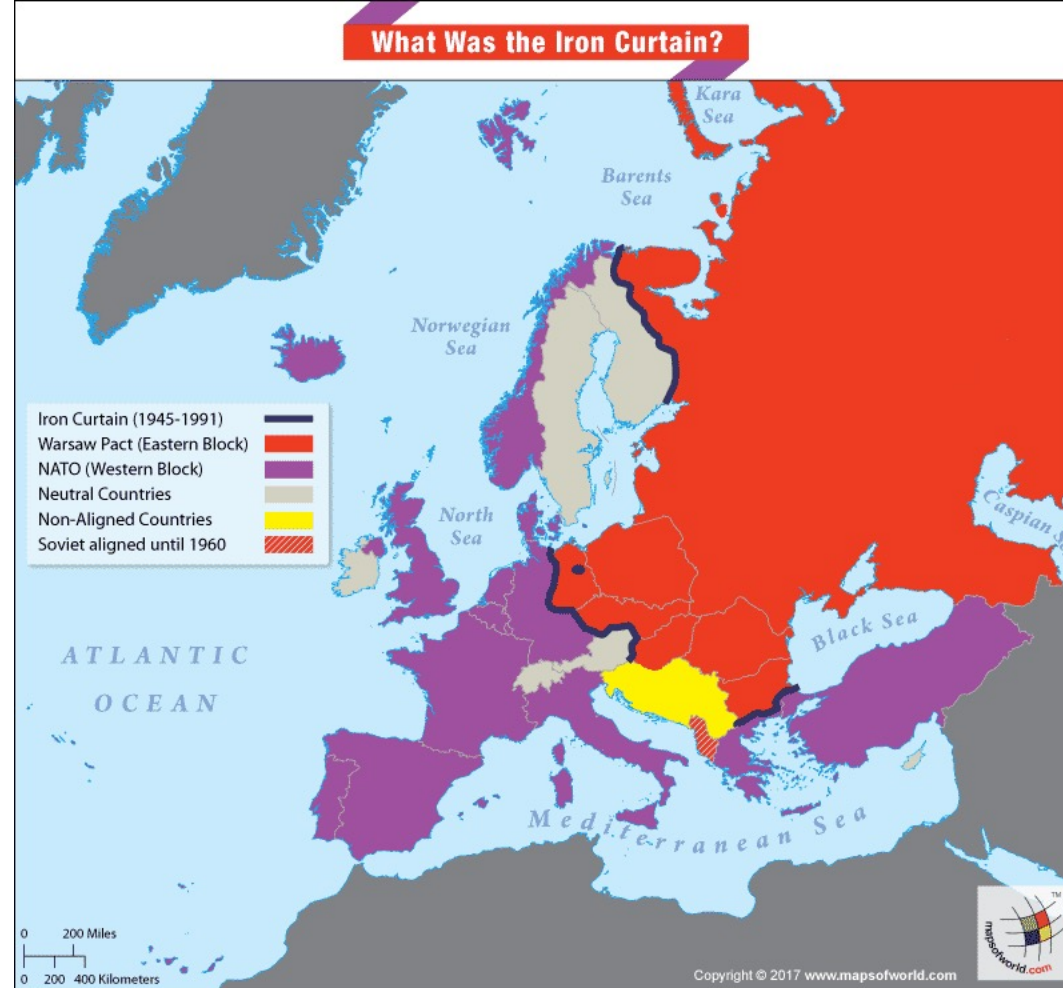
- Movies

- By [Anca Miruna Lăzărescu](#) (living in Dachau, Germany)
 - *Apele Tac* (EN [Silent River](#))
 - *La Drum cu Tata* (DE [Die Reise mit Vater](#), EN *That Trip We Took with Dad*)
- By [Brigitte Drodloff](#) (living in Munich, Germany)
 - Also organiser of the yearly *Romanian Film Festival* at the Filmmuseum Munich



Source: Wikipedia

The fluidity of European borders & the importance of language



Source: <https://www.mapsofworld.com/answers/history/what-was-the-iron-curtain/>



Source: Wikipedia

- The mental persistence of the Iron Curtain: let's stop saying "Eastern Block"&"Eastern Europe" ("Third World Country" is also Cold War language: let's please try to avoid it)
- Also deprecating language: "one of those (economically) small countries in Eastern Europe"
- Somewhat acceptable: Balkans
- Even better: Using the names of individual countries

The former USSR comprised 15 republics:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belorussia (now Belarus), Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kirgiziya (now Kyrgyzstan), Latvia, Lithuania, Moldavia (now Moldova), Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

Former Yugoslavia comprised 6 republics:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia (including the regions of Kosovo and Vojvodina), and Slovenia (**ethnic wars - 1991 to 2001** - a little more complicated here...)

Former Czechoslovakia comprised 2 countries:

the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

**Communism = collectivistic speech
depersonalized/dehumanised:**

- national identity (see above) + exaggerated patriotism
- individual identity
 - >the right to freedom of speech
 - >the right to freedom of location
 - >the right to privacy.

Breaking some “myths” about Romania:

- Romanian is a Latin (not Slavic) language
- We don't like references to Dracula & Bran Castle
- Vlad Țepeș is a bit of a national hero, rebelling against corruption and the Ottomans
- We learn at least 2-3 foreign languages in school (+world history and literature) and can understand most Latin languages.



Support Romanian groups helping out Ukrainians in Romania

- <https://patrir.ro/>
- <https://refugees.ro>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitipentruucraina/>

Recommended TED TALK: Taiye Selasi

[Don't ask where I'm from, ask where I'm a local](#)