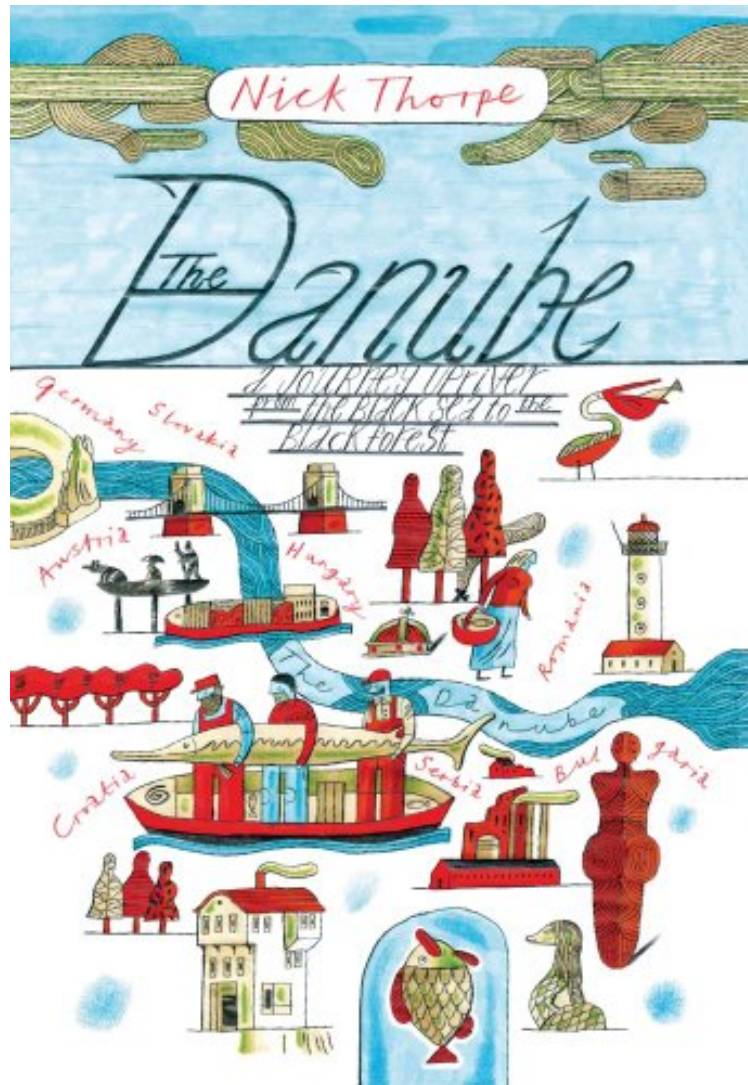


# The Danube: A Journey Upriver from the Black Sea to the Black Forest

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The author takes us on an unexpected journey up the Danube, where we encounter a remarkable and unfamiliar world The magnificent Danube both cuts across and connects central Europe, flowing through and alongside ten countries: Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany. Travelling its full length from east to west, against the rivers flow, Nick Thorpe embarks on an inspiring year-long journey that leads to a new perspective on Europe today. Thorpes account is personal, conversational, funny, immediate, and uniquely observanteverything a reader expects in the best travel writing.

From BooklistWhile most non-Europeans cant be blamed for presuming a gloomy view of remote Eastern Europe, many of these same people also sense mysteryread, Transylvaniaas well as foundational culture in a region often perceived in grim, Soviet Bloc terms. And this book takes us there, honestly and up-to-date. Members of the gravely marginalized Roma ethnic group, for example, plead with their brethren not to make predatory loans to fellow Roma who crave plasma TVs. But make no mistake, this book is fiber, as BBC correspondent and longtime Budapest resident Thorpe wades through the expected, deeply historical settings. Or maybe this history, along with the many, often wondrously spontaneous interviews, says otherwise. Maybe the prevalence of disappointment over hope and success is just honest. Maybe the astounding cruelty of wartime atrocities, the river-decimating chemical spills, and the complacency of yet another hydroelectric dam is our little chance to respond to grinding forces. Still, these densities can weary. Thorpe is a strong, detailed writer, but his many museum visits and woeful stories wouldnt suffer from leavening. --Dane Carr A review cant encompass the majestic canvas of Thorpes book. Wise, thoughtful, unprejudiced and consistently absorbing, it is also beautifully written.Miranda Seymour, Literary