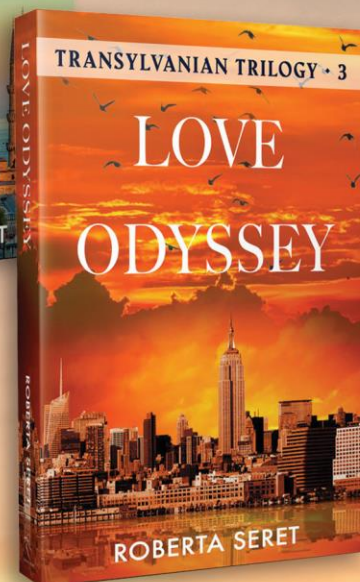
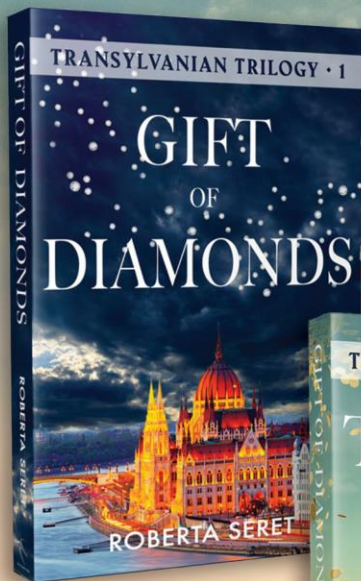


# TRANSYLVANIAN TRILOGY

## *A Reader's Guide*



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### BACKGROUND ABOUT ROMANIA:



### FACT BOX ABOUT ROMANIA:

- . Capital: Bucharest
- . Population: 22,089,000 (2021)
- . Currency: Romanian Leu, pronunciation “lay”
- . Official language: Romanian
- . President: Klaus Iohannis

- . Location: Central Europe bordered by Hungary, Serbia, Bulgaria Ukraine and Republic of Moldova .
- . Capital: Bucharest
- . Time Zone: Seven hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Standard Time (GMT + 2)
- . Area: 92,043 sq. miles (238,391 sq. km) - a little larger than the state of Minnesota.



- . Flag of Romania: Three vertical stripes: blue, yellow and red.
- . Largest cities: Bucharest (2,151,400), Iasi (387,100), Cluj Napoca (327,200), Timisoara (325,300), Constanta (311,300), Galati (306,400), Craiova (299,700), Brasov (289,500), Ploiesti (225,000), Oradea (221,400).
- . Main Ethnic Groups: Romanian 84%, Hungarian 6.1%, Gypsy 3.1%, German 0.2%, Ukrainian 0.2%
- . Religions: Christian Orthodox 81%, Roman Catholic 4.3%, Reformed 3%, Greek-Catholic 0.7%, Unitarian 0.3%, Jewish.
- . Climate: Temperate, four distinct seasons, similar to northeastern USA
- . Government: Romania is a democracy based on a bicameral Parliament: the Chamber of Representatives or "Chamber of Deputies" and the Senate. All members of the legislature are directly elected from Romania's 41 counties. The president is responsible for foreign and defense policy and controls appointments of prosecutors and the judiciary.
- . Legal system: Based on European models and Constitution of 1991 with a system of Democracy and free elections.

- . National Elections: Fall 2024 (presidential and parliamentary)
- . International Representation: Romania is a member state of the European Union (1955) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (2004)

#### FACT BOX ABOUT TRANSYLVANIA:

- . Meaning of the name: Transylvania or Transilvania (from Latin – "the land beyond the forest." Romania is a Latin country with a language derived from Latin.)
- . Early Times: Transylvania belonged to Hungary in prior times, but after World War II, it is officially Romanian.
- . Location: Central Romania - surrounded by the arc of the Carpathian mountain chain
- . Area: 34,177 sq. miles
- . Population: Approximately 5 million
- . Main cities: Transylvania is home to some of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns, most notably Brasov, featuring Old Saxon architecture and citadel ruins; Sibiu with its cobblestone streets and pastel-colored houses, and Sighisoara, adorned with a hilltop citadel, secret passageways and a 14th century clock tower. Bran, is located near Brasov- a Gothic fairy-tale structure, often associated with 15th century Prince Vlad Tepes, the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula.
- . Transylvania's multi-ethnic heritage (including German and Hungarian) is apparent in the use of bi-lingual languages (Romanian and Hungarian), culture, architecture, cuisine, and music.
- . The Apuseni Mountain range, in the western Carpathians, is a landscape of beauty and mystery. It extends in some areas near the Hungarian border. There are rare species of wildlife, (brown bears, boars, red foxes, leopards) along with 4,000 caves, many of which can be explored. Scarisoara Glacier, a national monument, shelters the second largest underground glacier on the continent.

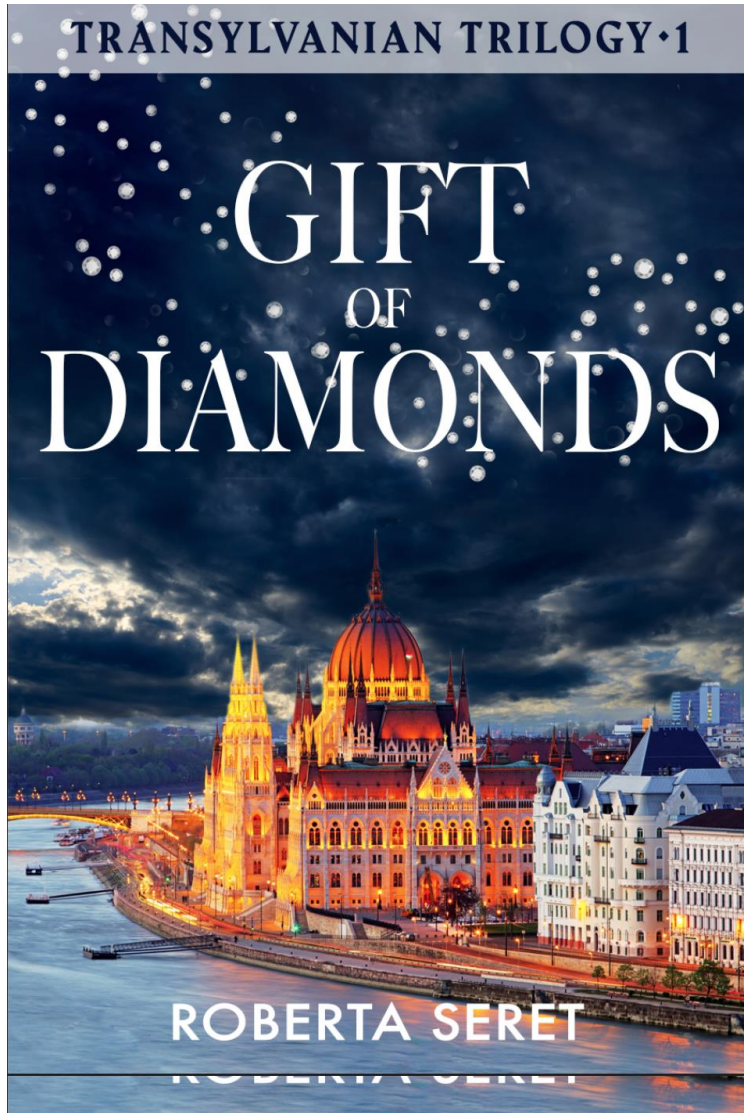
## TRANSYLVANIA







BACKGROUND OF TRANSYLVANIAN TRILOGY:



### BEGINNING CONCEPT:

When I was a college student in France, my greatest pleasure was Wednesday evenings when the University of Nice turned out its lights and became a ciné club. From the projector's magic lantern came images from filmmakers around the globe, and I was transposed to worlds far beyond my imagination. For the first time, my mind opened to unknown languages and various subjects in law, medicine, science, politics and so much more. I was excited to learn and travel far from my limits.

Upon returning to the United States, I promised myself that I would one day try to recreate the same experience for other students. For what better medium is there than film to teach visual learners about the world and human feelings?

That opportunity came to me strangely on the morning of 9/11 when I was starting a new job – teaching English to foreign diplomats at the United Nations. On that fateful day, I was traumatized but also determined to create a “Global Classroom” where students could ask questions about hotspots around the world. What could be a better classroom than the United Nations where Ambassadors could become professors and foreign film could become the catalyst? For the past twenty years, I have been hosting students to learn about global issues as human rights, cross cultural affairs and current events. The goal is to offer a multi-faceted approach, a hybrid form of education to encourage analysis, synthesis and discussion. For a picture is worth a thousand words.

Over the years, as I was screening films for my students, I wondered if I could transpose what I was doing with film to the written word in Literature and create another hybrid form of storytelling. Could I make facts more exciting by mixing fictional elements? Could I make fiction more meaningful by blending political events into the literary narrative?

Inspired by my students, I went on to create *Transylvanian Trilogy* by fusing politics and real people with fictitious characters. I blended facts with fiction and used storytelling techniques from journalism, drama, satire, thriller, history, and romance. I included maps and photos into the narrative to clarify up-to-date international intrigue. Under the guise of fiction, I asked questions of why and how and put the answers into the dialogue of fictitious characters. My goal was to reveal truths by using poetic license – a deliberate ruse.

While many associate Transylvania with vampire stories and gothic architecture, I attempt to unveil the secrets of the legendary region with real characters influenced by the past and politics. *Transylvanian Trilogy*, takes the reader into a kaleidoscope of exotic colors set in Romania, as well as Turkey and Iran, where governmental intrigues are little known and are waiting to be discovered. All three books, *Gift of Diamonds*, *Love Odyssey* and *Treasure Seekers*, can be read independently or interchanged. The main characters are Mica, Anca, Cristina, and Marina, four friends since their teenaged days in Transylvania, who were known as the Four Musketeers, *Poets of their Lives*. As they narrate their lives, their stories interweave with fact and fiction to reveal governmental truths that have never been exposed before, especially in a novel. As each story has its own sets of political thrills and adventures, they set the four heroines on a journey to find the missing, unanswered part of themselves—the parts that which they truly seek.

#### *Gift of Diamonds:*

Seventeen-year-old Mica is a typical teenager, hoping to one day become an actress. Her parents are the leaders of the anti-communists when Nicolae Ceausescu begins his reign, which makes them a perfect target to be stopped by the Secret Police. They are soon arrested and Mica realizes she will be next. In the middle of the night, she escapes Transylvania on her bicycle. But she is not alone - she has taken her father's colored diamonds that were hidden in their basement. Her only fear is that she remembers he had told her, that they come from Auschwitz and may be cursed.

### Love Odyssey:

This is the story of Mica's friend, Anca, a young doctor working in the Transylvanian countryside during a typhus epidemic. She has special medicines and antibiotics, not available in communist Romania. But she is giving them to non-communists and gypsies. The dictatorial regime is not happy. Her doctor husband fears his pregnant wife will be arrested and arranges her escape. Or is it to get rid of her while he becomes Ceausescu's personal doctor to bring down communism and become the leader of the 1989 Revolution? Nineteen years later, Anca returns to Transylvania to save the man who wronged her, but could never stop loving. *Love Odyssey* is a tale of forgiveness, woven into a deeply moving story where love is thwarted by politics and evil.

### Treasure Seekers:

In the third book of the series, amateur investigators and lifelong friends Marina and Christina, travel across the country from Transylvania, to New York, Paris and Istanbul to learn more about a web of crime about the political leaders of Turkey and Iran. As they vacation together in Istanbul they unintentionally get involved in Turkey's and Iran's recent Gas-for-Gold scandal, the largest gold laundering scheme in history. The friends believe that Romania is at the origin when they remember that their Romanian leader, dictator Ceausescu for 24 years, had traveled to Tehran one week before he was executed in December 1989. He went to visit the new Iranian president, Rafsanjani, who had just started a private bank, the Bank of Tehran. Ceausescu had traveled with suitcases filled with bars of gold. – gold that had never been found. Never claimed.

### LIST OF CHARACTERS:

The reader can follow the characters in *Transylvanian Trilogy* as they appear and reappear in *Gift of Diamonds*, *Love Odyssey*, *Treasure Seekers*.

. Mica Mihailescu:

- . Her parents are: Anton, an engineer and Corina, a librarian, living in the town of Spera in Transylvania.
- . Once she settles in New York City, she meets and marries Andre, an American physician, specializing in Cardiology at New York Hospital
- . When she is an adult, she is director of choreography for the Martha Graham Group.

. Anca Rodescu:

- , Her father is an engineer and colleague of Mica's father. He also teaches at the university and is anti-communist. He is arrested and sent to a psychiatric hospital, where he dies.
- . With the help of her father's friends, Anca studies medicine in Cluj and then goes to the countryside of Transylvania. After several years of working to fight a typhus epidemic with the head physician, Petre, they marry.
- . Petre Iianu, works as a covert agent for the C.I.A. and will bring down Ceausescu as the leader of the Romanian revolution of 1989. Anca is pregnant with their daughter. (Sandra)
- . Anca escapes alone to New York City where she becomes a physician at New York Hospital, specializing in Pediatrics.

. Marina Johannes:

- . Marina is an ethnic German living in Transylvania.
- . She is educated as a chemist and works in Bucharest with Dr. Ana Aslan, famous for Gerovital H3 and anti-aging research. At the clinic, Marina meets co-researcher, Stefan, whom she marries.
- . Mica "buys" her out of Romania to emigrate to West Germany and then to New York City where Marina becomes a successful entrepreneur, specializing in Cosmetics.
- . Stefan dies but she continues their work.

. When she is in her 60's she meets, Tahquitz, an American Indian, from the Taos Tribe.

. Cristina Patrisse:

. Marina is also an ethnic German living in Transylvania.

. Mica "buys" her out of Romania to emigrate to West Germany and then to Paris where Cristina becomes a successful fashion designer in Paris.

. She marries Eugen Siminescu,, Petre's partner and school friend from Transylvania, who also works as a covert agent for the C.I.A. and will help bring down Ceausescu.

. The Gypsy:

. Evdochia delivers eggs to the convents and monasteries in Transylvania, but as a covert C.I.A. agent, she is also the leader of the Transylvanian Gypsies.

. Her son is Tanase.

. Tahquitz:

. He is a Native American Indian from the Taos Tribe in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

. He is a physician, specializing in Pediatrics and Eastern American Indian Medicine.

. Alec Hirsch:

. As a young man he worked with Anca's father in covert political activities. He helps her escape Transylvania.

. As an adult living in New York City, he works for the C.I.A. and is part of the group of Romanians who bring down Ceausescu.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM INTERVIEWS THAT OFFER CLUES ABOUT THE THREE NOVELS:

1. WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE TRANSYLVANIAN TRILOGY?

. My husband was born and raised in Bucharest, Romania. He was educated there, became a doctor, and then he was sent to work in the countryside of Transylvania because he was not allowed to work in the capital. Under Communism, he was

considered *privileged, an enemy of the people*. His father was a physician and his grandfather was a landowner. He and his family had to escape; they managed to do so in 1963.

. In 1990, after Ceausescu's execution, my husband took me to visit Bucharest and Transylvania and showed me the city and villages he loved. I understood why he missed his country so much and I wanted to learn more. As a writer, I thought it would be interesting to share with American readers what I was learning about this exotic world of Romania. So I took plenty of notes and photos for a possible novel. Years later, I recreated in my imagination a voyage to Transylvania where I borrowed politics and history to create stories about four friends growing up together as teenagers. I thought it would be interesting to show how they escaped communism and what happened to them. To do this, I mixed facts that I was learning from research, with my imagination – a hybrid approach. I wanted a different literary style to offer to American readers.

## 2. WHAT DO YOU HOPE READERS TAKE AWAY FROM THE BOOKS?

All three novels of the *Trilogy* present a female protagonist who fights against the obstacles of evil- evil in government, evil in society, evil in individuals. All three novels are survival stories, and at the same time, love stories. Love brings hope amidst evil. It is love and hope together that help us survive- to overcome evil and to live. The opposite of EVIL is LIVE. They are anagrams, opposing forces. EVIL > LIVE.

The four friends in *Transylvanian Trilogy* show that to LIVE to the best revenge against EVIL. The books are their stories of love and survival.

## 3. IS THERE ANYTHING PERSONAL IN THE TRILOGY ABOUT YOU?

. As I was writing the first book of the Trilogy, *Gift of Diamonds*, I realized that unconsciously I was putting a lot of myself in the book. Actually, I found that there were 14 chapters that came from my life. And this made me think that I used my memory like a treasure chest where I had saved and cherished my dreams and hopes, as well as

the people I had met and loved, even hated. I stored these memories for the day I would wish them out. And this is what I did.

. Unconsciously, as I was writing the first book, *Gift of Diamonds*, I reached into my memory's treasure chest and found scenes and people from afar that came to me without pattern or reason. I grabbed them, not to lose them, and without realizing how, each item turned into a life of its very own in all my novels. Strangely, they all took different form on the paper until they hardly resembled the original at all. But it was too late. They were now alive and I marveled at it all, wondering if the imagined is more real than the real. As a writer, in *Transylvanian Trilogy*, I have used memory as a brush for truth.

MY ANSWERS TO AN INTERVIEW WITH ROMANIA JOURNAL:

1. YOU DESCRIBE A SCENE IN THE BOOK IN WHICH MINERS MARCH INTO BUCHAREST TO BEGIN A REVOLUTION AFTER THE EXECUTION OF CEAUSESCU. WHAT SOME READERS MIGHT NOT KNOW IS THAT YOU WERE ACTUALLY THERE DURING THAT TIME. WHAT WAS IT LIKE FOR YOU WRITING THIS BOOK AND HAVING TO RELIVE THAT PIVOTAL MOMENT?

. It was exciting to live it, and even more exciting to relive it by writing.

In March 1990, ten weeks after Ceausescu was executed, my husband wanted to show me the playground where he played soccer as a boy and the school where he learned to love Molière.

. Upon arriving in Bucharest, I looked out the hotel window and I saw hundreds of men marching six-abreast through the avenue. Their faces were smeared black with soot; they wore miners' helmets and carried long sticks and heavy chains. They marched in synchronized lines, taking over the avenue, smashing store windows, knocking down anyone who blocked their way.

. We went outside into the night. It was pandemonium. The miners were yelling and screaming, swinging their chains at anyone who dared come near.

. The violence around us was real. Danger was everywhere - gun shots, smoke bombs, fire flares, windows smashed, blood on the streets. After a couple of hours of being in the middle of an uprising, we realized we had seen enough. It was time to leave.

## 2. DID YOU DISCOVER SOMETHING SURPRISING WHILE WRITING THESE BOOKS?

As I was researching Romania – history, education, society, I admired, and I was inspired, by the achievements of the women in Romania. I learned a lot, as, Romanian women during the 1960's at the time when my literary heroines were growing up in Transylvania. Many of the women were well educated, for all schools and universities in Romania were free. They were also very western in their tastes: dancing to Rock and Roll and the Beatles, speaking French, German or Russia, and dreaming of visiting the city where Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir wrote their books.

But the Romanian women could not travel outside of Romania – they were locked down behind an *Iron Curtain*. Yet, they had something that no woman had, be it in Paris or London or New York. They were already emancipated. Communism disallowed gender inequality. Women were educated equally to their men to build up the country. They were studying and working long hours just like their brothers. Girls and boys, women and men, were being prepared for the future.

My four protagonists in *Transylvanian Trilogy* were educated in fields that America had stigmatized women with unwritten quotas. Mica, in *Gift of Diamonds*, was training to be a dancer and future choreographer. Anca, in *Love Odyssey*, was educated as a physician specializing in infectious diseases. Marina, in *Treasure Seekers*, became a chemist and Cristina, a fashion designer.

In their free choices to follow their passions, my Romanian women were given equal opportunities as their male colleagues. They were “existentialists” before the students of 1968 joined their men to demonstrate for equality and gender rights.

My four literary friends, growing up in their small town of Spera, meaning Hope, were *Poets of their Lives*. As teenage girls, hiking together in the Carpathian mountains of Transylvania, they already knew they would create a new life for themselves in a different country. They had been educated and encouraged to compete in a man's world, and they did. They overcame obstacles and created for themselves a life of free choices with the possibilities of success and satisfaction.

But it was not only my female literary creations who achieved. Real women in Romania during the 1960's were already attaining praise on the global stage:

. Queen Elena reigned during World War II and helped her country through her humanitarian acts by defying Fascism and the German occupation of her country. She was honored by the State of Israel with the honorific Righteous Among the Nations in 1993.

. Nadia Comaneci was training to become the first world-known gymnast and showed the world that a fourteen-year-old girl could win five Olympic gold medals within days, and go on to win a total of nine medals.

. Dr Ana Aslan, biologist and physician, was greeting the rich and famous like John Kennedy and Mao Tse-tung, at her clinic in Bucharest for doses of Gerovital H3. This was her magic formula known as a "fountain of youth" to delay aging and keep them strong in power.

. Angela Gheorghiu was already singing her Opera arias.

. Famous athletes were practicing their tennis, high jumps, ping pong, track and field.

(The most beloved is Simona Halep)

. Actresses, singers, musicians, artists ... and the list went on for achieving, Romanian women.

It is only in hindsight that my imaginary heroines of *Transylvania Trilogy* realized they had attained a very important freedom in their town of Spera. They were free to become *Poets of Their Lives*.

2/6:/21 *The Lazy Historian*, “A Look into the Lives of Women in Communist Romania” by Roberta Seret, P.h.D.  
<https://lazyhistorian.com/a-look-into-the-lives-of-women-in-communist-romania/>

### 3. WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN WRITING THE TRILOGY?

MY GOAL CAN BE FOUND IN A LETTER THAT I WRITE TO THE READER AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH BOOK:

Dear Reader,

I invite you to go on a voyage with me to Transylvania where my imagination has borrowed political intrigues to create a different view of Literature. Facts fuse with Fiction in *Transylvanian Trilogy*.

The stories flow together amidst Romania’s politics. I have used the historical settings as a novelist would – to enhance the fictional storyline. Yet, I must confess, I have sometimes been tempted to make the history a little more exciting with touches of imagination. Accordingly, I’ve taken liberties under the guise of “poetic license” with time and place to recreate a literary fresco of Romania’s second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The history is the “back- drop curtain” of the novels, not center stage.

I have used Romania’s dictatorial regimes to create an atmosphere of deceit that poisoned all Romanians during the Fascist and Communist years. One form of totalitarian government led to another. These were times of secret police, informers, fear, lies, double-crossing, dehumanization, shredding of documents, the destruction of the human soul. What we know today about these times is still masked with inconsistencies and ambiguities to cover up the Truth.

Yet, the world I offer you is of Fiction, and I use four female characters as dramatic voices. Each woman of the trilogy takes center stage to create her own life as she

journeys through political events to survive. Each one becomes involved with history and forges forward in an existentialist need to direct her own destiny. But sometimes, the four friends find challenges that are stronger than their willpower. Those are the times when the fictional protagonists merge and interact with factual events. It is then that their courage evokes exciting narratives. Fiction that could not exist without Truth.

I hope you enjoy this colorful kaleidoscope of Fact with Fiction, Truth with Crime, History and Art, Strife with Love. For it is from my heart that I offer you these stories from Transylvania.

Roberta Seret, Ph.D.

<https://www.transylvaniantrilogy.com/> Transylvanian Trilogy

<https://www.internationalcinemaeducation.org> NGO/ United Nations, ICE

### BOOK ONE: *GIFT OF DIAMONDS*



### SUMMARY:

Words: 93,500

*Gift of Diamonds* is an exciting tale of intrigue featuring Mica, a determined and passionate seventeen-year-old girl fleeing Communism in 1965. Taking the reader on a riveting ride from Romania to Hungary and then America as she escapes with rare, colored diamonds, Mica takes risks and faces many obstacles until she becomes autonomous in New York at twenty years old. It is then that she is finally able to fulfill her promise of bringing her parents to America. However, in order to complete her journey, she must return to Transylvania where her story begins in the Prologue, twenty-four years later in 1990, to complete her quest and find peace.

The story begins in communist Transylvania in 1965. Mica, an aspiring actress realizes that her covertly political parents have been arrested by the Secret Police. Escaping alone

at night in a perilous journey, she crosses the border and seeks political asylum in the American Embassy in Budapest, Hungary. But she is not alone – she has diamonds with her, rare colored diamonds that may be cursed.

On her own for the first time, Mica learns to be self-reliant. She translates documents and learns secrets about Fascism, Communism and the beginning stages of terrorism involving Ceausescu and his nuclear business partners. She is torn between revealing these truths or keeping them secret for fear of repercussions. But she is never free of the secret that the diamonds she escapes with were owned by Auschwitz prisoners and may have passed through Dr. Mengele's hands. She fears they are blood diamonds - cursed.

With help from Embassy officials in Budapest, she applies for a visa to the U.S. Her goal is to use the diamonds as a vehicle to secure her safe passage to America, and then for her parents. But until she gets to her uncle in New York and sells her diamonds at Sotheby's, she experiences high-risk adventures, spying, rape, and even a medical crisis. It is at the end of her voyage, that Mica finally finds redemption and peace.

#### FACT and FICTION:

##### FACTS:

- . Fascist period in Romania.
  - . Holocaust period in Romania
  - . Communist period in Romania
  - . History of Romania from 1940 to present
  - . Arafat, Qaddafi, and all Ceausescu's terrorist partners and nuclear business relations.
- This info can be documented and has not been used before in fiction.
- . Mengele- all information I weave in about his work, Auschwitz, life, and escape to South America., is factual Only the part about his involvement with diamonds is fictional.

FICTION:

- . Mica's voyage to escape. I have changed the geography of Transylvania slightly to coincide with the storyline.
- . The creation of Mica as a fictional character and owner of diamonds. Yet, through my Romanian husband who escaped Romania in the early 1960's, I use his story and his friends' stories as basis of reality.
- . Mengele's involvement with diamonds in Auschwitz

PHOTOS OF CEAUSESCU WITH INTERNATIONAL LEADERS:

CEAUSESCU and GADDAFI, PRESIDENT OF LIBYA



#### NICOLAE CEAUSESCU and COMMUNISM in ROMANIA:

- . Nicolae Ceausescu, the communist dictator of Romania from 1965-1989 did not come into power through a coup d'état or revolution, or in my imaginary Transylvanian town, Spera, as I depict in my novel. He was nominated and elected by the Romanian Communist Party after the death of Gheorghiu-Dej, the previous dictator.
- . During Communism in Romania, more than 2 million Romanians were killed during 1948-1989. (*The New York Times*, September 30, 2013).
- . The end of Communism in Romania (1989) was achieved by the only “bloody revolution” of the Eastern European countries in 1989.
- . Romania’s secret police, Securitate, was as lethal as East Germany’s, Stasi.
- . According to *The New York Times*, (September 30, 2013, page 1) Romania has made public the crimes during their communist era and have put on trial communist leaders

who were responsible for more than 2 million murders during 1965-1989 and even before 1965 under the dictator Gheorghe – dej. Reports about these actions are based on a 2006 commission set up by the Romanian government to examine communist-era crimes.

. Ceausescu, despite being a communist, was greedy and desired to be the richest man in Eastern Europe. During his reign, he was. To achieve his goals, he was involved with terrorist affairs. One of his business projects was to establish atomic energy facilities and nuclear research centers in Magurele and Cernavoda, Romania.

. Ceausescu also served as intermediary for Norway to sell heavy water to India for India's centrifuges (used as a coolant) and nuclear development program, which would have been for Norway a breach of international law and IAEA rulings.

. Muammar Al Gaddafi (also a.k.a. Qadhdhafi.) appears in *Transylvanian Trilogy*.

Information has been taken from Wikileaks: Gaddafi and Ceausescu met in Tripoli (September 26, 1981) to do business together at the time there were bombings in Paris and Radio Free Europe in Munich. Gaddafi and Carlos the Jackal were accused.

Ceausescu helped Gaddafi obtain false passports for Carlos the Jackal to assure him safety in Europe for his criminal activities.

. Stolen passports were an important link between Ceausescu, Gaddafi and Arafat. In order to stage terrorist acts abroad without involving Tripoli directly, the Libyan government amassed passports that were stolen from workers in Tunisia as well as forged passports made by Ceausescu's experts. (Arafat and the PLO's were in exile in Tunisia during this period)

. *The New York Times* article, "Hostages Sought, Vienna Gunmen Say," by Paul Lewis, December 31, 1985, p. A 4, "The Libyans are to this day (1985) organizing terrorist missions with the help of this passport collection. The terrorists who made an attack at the El Al checkout counter in the Vienna airport on December 27, 1985 were traveling with stolen Tunisian passports. Several hundred Tunisian passports were confiscated recently by the Libyans from Tunisian workers."

. Gaddafi and Ceausescu established terrorist and nuclear programs together. Gaddafi was the banker.

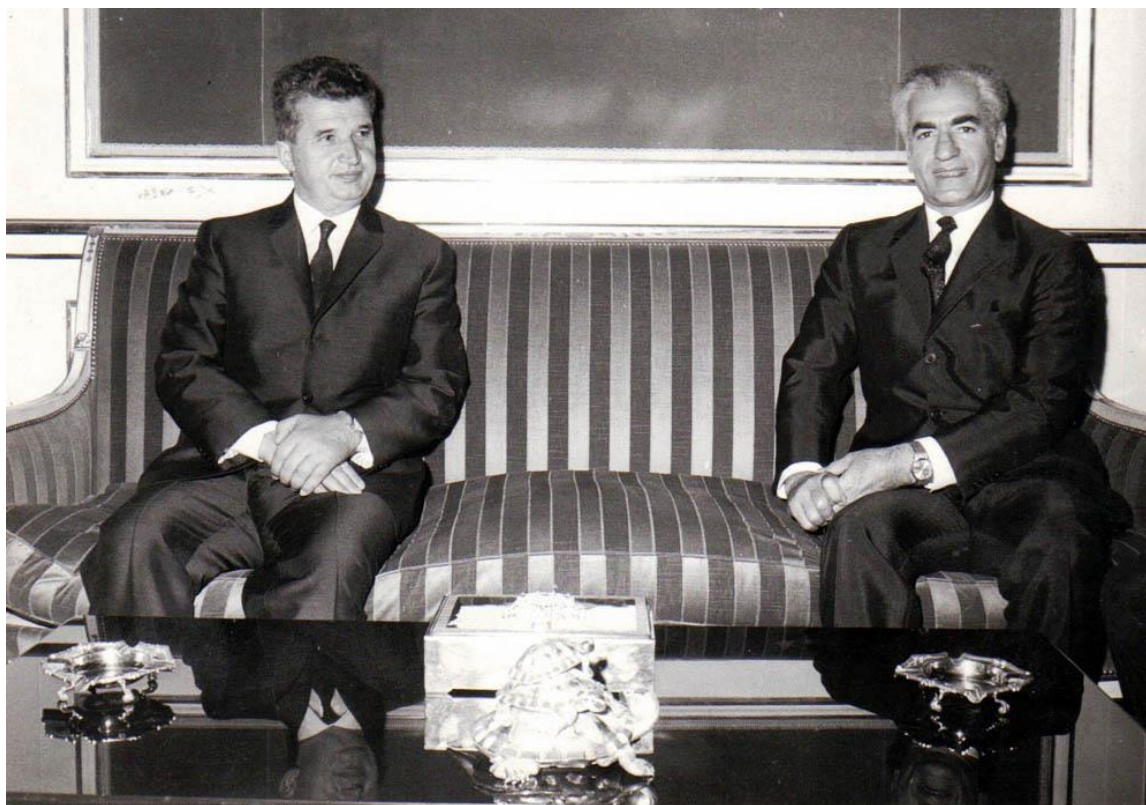
. With Gaddafi's money, Ceausescu sent his agricultural experts to construct farms all over Libya in the 1970's and made a fortune and a friend. (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, p. 101.)

. Pacepa wrote *Red Horizons* after he defected from Romania. In July 1978 following President Jimmy Carter's approval of his request for political asylum. As the director of Ceausescu's espionage agency, he was the highest- ranking defector from the former Eastern Bloc.

. Ceausescu and Gaddafi were also business partners with oil. "Ceausescu set up an oil refinery on the Black Sea to process only Libyan crude oil with the products to be exported as Romanian – as a safety valve for Gaddafi, in case of a western boycott of Libyan oil." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, p. 105.)

. Ceausescu and Gaddafi established joint ventures to manufacture tanks based on Germany's Leopold II, airplanes as the Fokker-614, and bacteriological weapons. Ceausescu wanted the site to be secret. "The tank assembly line should not be in Bucharest but hidden in a mountainous area." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, p.369.)

CEAUSESCU and SHAH MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI OF IRAN



. The publication, from the *Wilson Center*, “The Shah’s Petro-Diplomacy with Ceausescu: Iran and Romania in the era of Détente,” by Roham Alvandi and Eliza Gheorghe, describes how Ceausescu did business with Iran’s Shah Reza Pahlavi and his brother during the 1960’s and 1970’s. The paper reveals information on the role of oil in Iranian diplomacy towards the Soviet Union and the socialist bloc, highlighting Romania and Ceausescu.

. Iran agreed to export 1 million barrels of oil, 1 billion cubic meters of natural gas, and 5 million metric tons of crude oil, to Romania in return for tractors, oil drilling equipment and military equipment including tanks.

. Romania and Ceausescu had a prosperous business relationship under the Shah which continued with Iran’s Islamic government of Ayatollah Khomeini and President Rafsanjani.

#### CEAUSESCU AND PRESIDENT RAFSANJANI OF IRAN



#### CEAUSESCU AND IRAN:

. On December 17, 1989, Ceausescu left Bucharest to visit Teheran, despite the beginnings of demonstrations and violence in Timisoara. He left his wife, Elena, in charge of the political upheaval in Romania. For two days he stayed in Iran for business purposes.

. "*The Romania Revolution*," by Peter Siani-Davies, p. 69, reports: "Romania and Iran were negotiating an arms deal. In addition, Romania was close to sealing an agreement to modernize for Iran all the Warsaw Pact military equipment that Iran secured during the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88. Romania was also building for Iran a naval base as well as a tractor plant to produce military vehicles. In exchange, Romania was to receive from Iran crude oil and natural gas per year as well as \$2 billion worth of contracts.

. Iran's new leader at that time, Ayatollah Akbar Rafsanjani, had just been nominated President of Iran (August 1989). Ceausescu visited him on December 17, 1989 carrying suitcases of cash and gold. Rafsanjani was in charge of the Teheran Bank. Ceausescu

trusted Iranian banks more than Swiss banks, for he feared that the Swiss could expose his secret accounts to international scrutiny. Rafsanjani supplied Ceausescu with armed Iranian Revolutionary Guards to escort him back to Bucharest two days later. They were the ones who protected him when he returned to the capital where revolution had spread from Timisoara to Bucharest.

CEAUSESCU and PRESIDENT KIM YONG-il OF NORTH KOREA



CEAUSESCU AND NORTH KOREA:

. Ceausescu and Kim met with each other several times during the 1970's and 1980's. They maintained a *mutual admiration* relationship.

. Romanian newspaper, *International Curentul*, (April 7, 2005, p. 3A,) relates how Ceausescu sold parts of the atomic bomb to dictator Kim Jung Il from 1978-1980.

. *The New York Times* narrates how Kim Jung Il sold Libya uranium hexafluoride for nuclear centrifuges." *The New York Times*, David E. Sanger, (February 2, 2005, p. A1)

. "North Korea's plutonium program dates back to 1986, U.S. official says. (This is during Ceausescu's era.) There are records for the 5-megawatt reactor and fuel processing plant at the Yongbyon nuclear complex." *Wall St. Journal*, "North Korea: Nuclear Program Documents Appear Complete, U.S. says," (May 14, 2008.)

CEAUSESCU and PRESIDENT SADAM HUSSEIN of IRAQ



#### CEAUSESCU AND IRAQ:

. Secret agents of the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, lived, studied and worked in Romania as part of an Iraqi terrorist network in Romania. "During the Communist era, students (secret agents) came from Iraq, Iran, Sudan and Libya to study in Bucharest. Often they married and stayed... There was a Romanian arm of al-Dawa that smuggled Iraqi defectors out of Iraq, into Romania, and on to western Europe." Excerpt from *The Wall St Journal*, "Romania's Expulsion of Iraqi Diplomat Fuels Suspicion of Baghdad's Activity in Europe," by Rick Jarvis. (December 28, 2001) The article exposes terrorist activities between Saddam Hussein and Ceausescu.

. In the 1980's, Ceausescu supplied military uniforms to Iraqi soldiers who were fighting against Iran in the Iraqi-Iranian war under Sadam Hussein.

HENRY JACOB



. Ceausescu claimed that “Oil and Jews are our best export commodities.” Henry Jacober was his point man in this business.

. Even before the dictatorship of Ceausescu, there was Henry Jacober. Hungarian born, lived in London and made a lot of money and became a Lord, worked with the Israeli Mossad. In the late 1950's, he began working with Gheorghiu-Dej (the dictator before Ceausescu) for the Israeli government, who wanted to get Romanian Holocaust survivors out of Romania and into Israel to populate the new country.

. He began his business deals by building for Romania, a chicken farm, free of charge, if the Romanian government would allow 500 Jewish families to leave for Israel. Jacober understood that the Romanian government liked chickens more than Jews.

. In 1965, when Gheorghiu-Dej died and Ceausescu came into power, Romania owned thousands of chicken, pig, turkey and sheep farms with slaughterhouses, storehouses,

packaging plants and fleets of Mercedes trucks and cars to transport the meat.

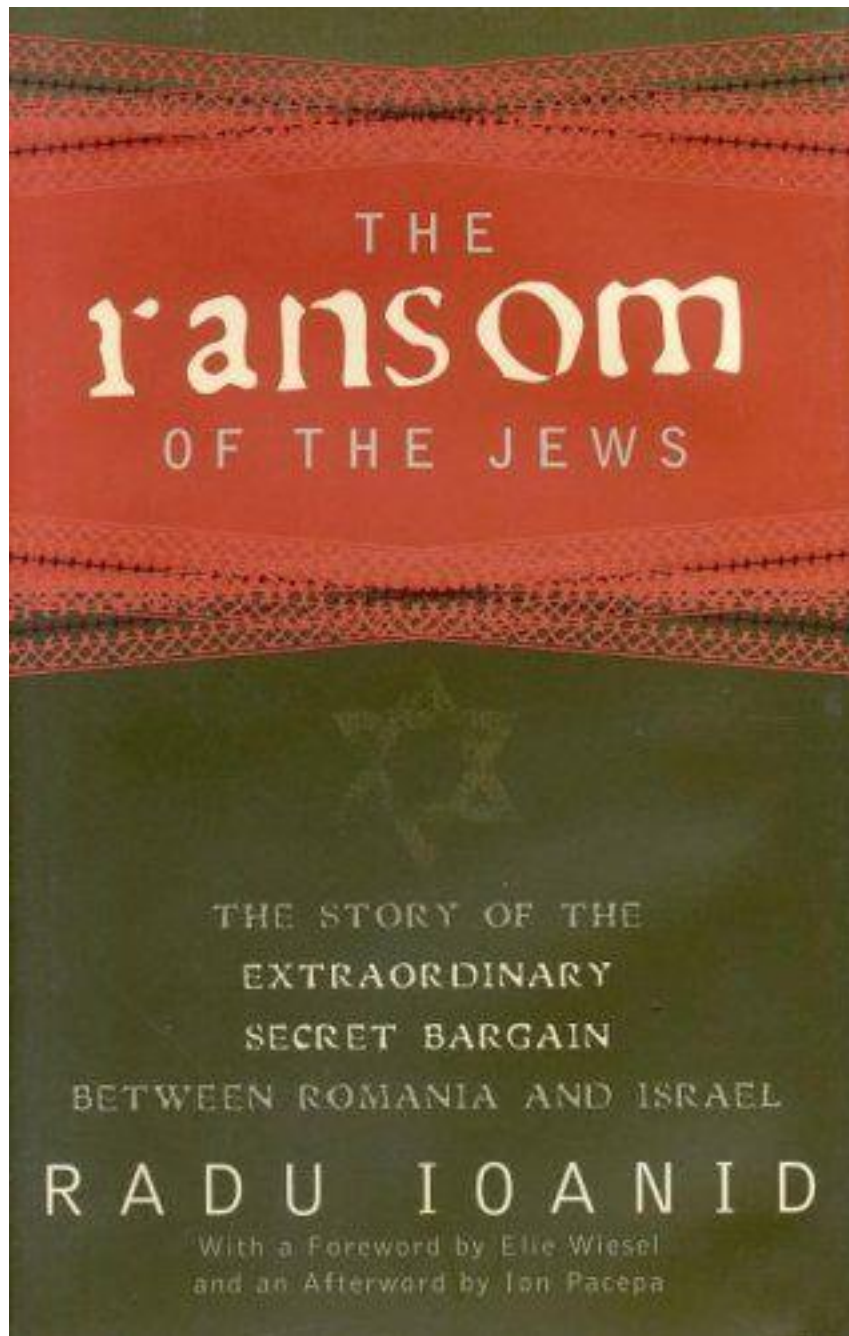
Everything paid for by Henry Jacober on behalf of the Israeli government and the United Jewish Appeal.

. When Ceausescu learned about these transactions, he was furious. Not because he was losing his Jews, but that the deals were just bringing in chickens and pigs. He wanted CASH, cold dollars. And so, the Israeli government with Henry Jacober as middleman, has paid the Romanian government between \$2,000 and \$25,000 per Jew depending on their education and importance, for visas to Israel. Under Jacober's dealings, more than 230,000 Romanian Jews have left. Ceausescu received millions of dollars for this business as well as abandoned apartments with furniture and art and vacated jobs from the Jews who were sold.

. But the trunk-loads of cash and the overseas accounts were not enough for Comrade Ceausescu. The communist leader wanted machine guns, weapons, ammunitions, and war tanks. And when Ceausescu received these, he copied them and made dozens more, selling them to his friends and America's enemies: Gaddafi and Arafat. And who knows who else?

. Israel also supplied Romania with Centurion tanks as part of a barter system. Ceausescu later copied and manufactured these tanks and shared them with his friends.

. When Jacober died of cancer, the deputy director of Israeli Intelligence for Immigration, a native Romanian with an Israeli diplomatic passport, became Ceausescu's partner to continue the sale of *human beings for visas*. For these transactions, Ceausescu earned "hundreds of millions of dollars" in cash.



. *The Ransom of the Jews*, by Radu Ioanid, talks of the selling of the Jews, first attempted during World War II between General Ion Antonescu and Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury under President Roosevelt. It also documents how 100,000+ “Bucharest Jews” were saved during World War II.

. There is an official report made by President, Basescu and Elie Wiesel (2010) about Fascism in Romania, with the Romanian government's confirmation of their guilt and war crimes. This report was one of the requirements for Romania's entry into the European Union.

. "Most of Romania's Jews were massacred during World War II, but not Bucharest's Jews; Here's why..." by Roberta Seret. <https://crimereads.com/excerpt-gift-of-diamonds/> CRIME READS /LITHUB (February 17, 2021)

CEAUSESCU and PESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING OF FRANCE





#### CEAUSESCU AND DIAMONDS:

. Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu's fascination with diamonds led them to create a friendship with Jean Bedel Bokassa, Central African dictator, whose country was known for their diamond mines. It all began, "In 1975 they invited Bokassa to make an official visit to Bucharest where they saw to it that he would be shown a good time by a stunning Romanian girl, *Gabriela*. Because of her, Bokassa secretly accepted 10% of the profits, paid into a Swiss account, from the diamond mines he arranged for Romania to operate. This relationship lasted 2 years and so did Bokassa and Gabriela." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, p.70)

. During this time, Bokassa had another good friend, France's President Giscard d'Estaing. On October 10, 1979, the French newspaper, *Le Canard Enchaîné* reported that President Giscard d'Estaing had accepted two diamonds in 1973 from Bokassa. This erupted into a scandal called, *L'Affaire des Diamonds* which was followed in early December 1979 by another scandal, the friendship of Bokassa and Gaddafi. Bokassa in 1976, had converted to Islam and had changed his name with the supposition that Gaddafi would bestow

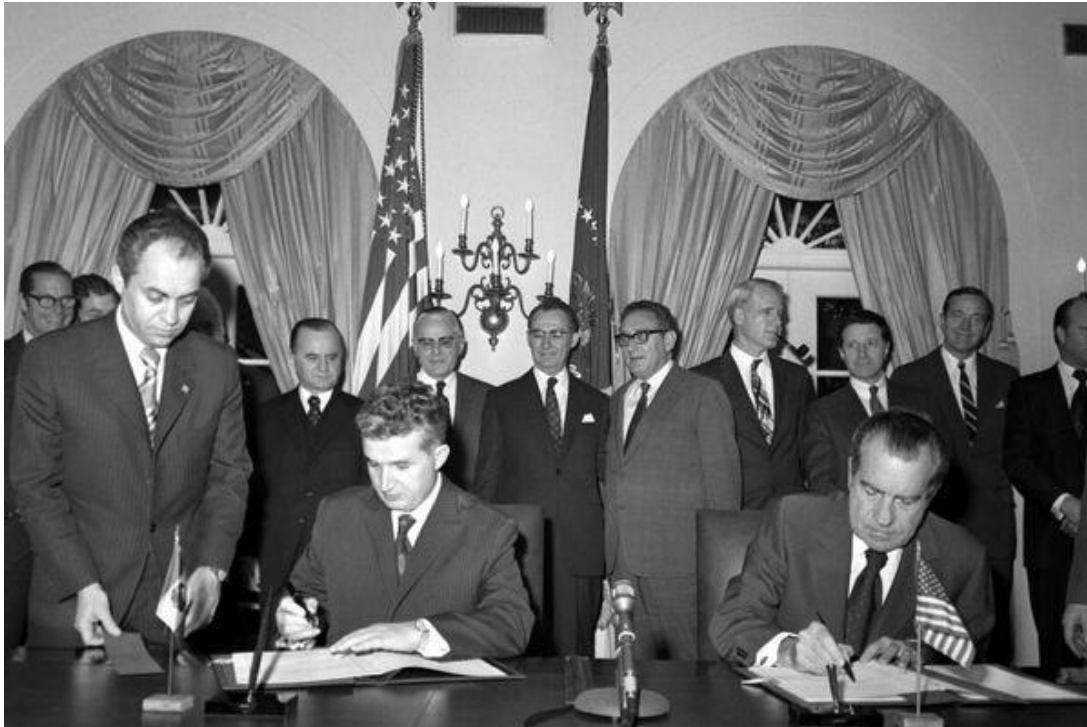
financial aid to him and his country. Several months later when aid did not come from Gaddafi, Bokassa converted back to Catholicism.

. It should not be forgotten that Giscard d'Estaing sold Alouette and Mirage planes to Ceausescu. In this way the French President was able to show a surge in the economy and win re-election. He did not inform his voters that the planes were to be used by Arafat and the PLO's.

. Pacepa tells us that "In 1975, Ceausescu ordered me to obtain the technology and equipment for producing synthetic diamonds...At the beginning of January 1978 we started industrial production on a large scale." (*Red Horizons* by Ion Pacepa, p.71)

. Ceausescu told Pacepa, "Your DIE (Espionage Agency) has to sell stars (diamonds) secretly on the Western market – the same way it does with the cocaine in transit from Asia to Europe that we confiscate at the border." (*Red Horizons* by Ion Pacepa, p.72)

CEAUSESCU and PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON



. During the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988), Ceausescu supplied military uniforms to Iraqi soldiers who were fighting against Iran in the Iraqi-Iranian war under Saddam Hussein.

. It was in 1984, that President Nixon's former military aide, John V. Brennan and Attorney General John N. Mitchell arranged a transaction between the Iraqi government and Ceausescu where military uniforms were manufactured in Romania for Iraqi soldiers. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Brennan expected to receive a commission of \$3 million for the transaction. When they did not, they filed a lawsuit (on the Friday before June 1, 1990) for \$3 million and \$10 million in punitive damages. Mr. Nixon wrote 2 letters to Mr. Ceausescu to recommend Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Brennan for this transaction.

. From the *Wilson Center*, there is a publication, "Off the Record with Nixon and Ceausescu," by Iulian Toader (February 21, 2017). The article states that In December 1973, Ceausescu met Nixon to review problems and changes in the international system. This was the third time that they had met and conferred (1969, 1970) and the fourth time when Nixon visited Bucharest in 1967. In December 1973, Ceausescu wanted to distance himself from Russia and strengthen his foreign affairs policies with the U.S., Nixon and Kissinger.

CEAUSESCU and PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER



. On June 11, 1975, President Carter received Ceausescu at the White House. The Ford Library museum in a Memo documents the subjects of the meeting: Bilateral economic relations, Middle East, Disarmament. In August 2, 1975, President Ford visited Romania to discuss U.S./Romanian relations. This meeting came one day after they had met in Helsinki at the European Security Conference. Ford toasted Ceausescu and said, "We value the courage of a nation that wants to make its contribution to a better world by its own very special efforts."

. President Carter hosted another reception for the Ceausescus on December 4, 1978 in Washington.

. The article, "Ceausescu A Loser Long Before He Lost The Game He Played," by Lars-Erik Nelson, *Tribune Media Services, The Orlando Sentinel*, (January 3, 1990), states that in 1978 Jimmy Carter hailed Ceausescu at the White House as a "man dedicated to the proposition that a nation is sovereign, that its territorial integrity should be honored, that

its people should be independent.” Ceausescu stiffly replied, “The rights of all human beings with the right to work.” Ceausescu called President Carter, *the peanut farmer*.

#### CEAUSESCU and PRESIDENT GERALD FORD



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## CEAUSESCU and VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE H. WALKER BUSH



. President George Bush called Ceausescu, *a good Communist* when they met in 1983 to discuss bi-lateral relations. Vice President Bush was interested in having the United States work with Ceausescu as a vehicle to thwart Russia, which coincided with Ceausescu who wanted to be independent of the Russian sphere of influence. Gorbachev had suspected Romania's independent stance, the main reason why he worked with Iliescu, a friend of his since their school days in Moscow, to bring down Ceausescu in 1989. To do so, they cooperated with President Ronald Reagan and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

## CEAUSESCU and ARAFAT of THE PLO's/ PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORG



### CEAUSESCU AND ARAFAT:

. As of 1972 Arafat and Ceausescu began extensive meetings in Romania. In 1976, Ceausescu and Arafat agreed to exchange intelligence advisors. The PLO nominated Hani Hassan (who was in charge of the massacre of eleven Israeli Olympians at the September 5, 1972 Olympics in Munich). Ceausescu sent Ion Pacepa to represent Romania.

. It was Ceausescu who gave Arafat the idea to transform the PLO into a Palestinian government-in-exile in Tunisia (1982-1993). Ceausescu advised Arafat, "It would be much easier to persuade the West to negotiate with a government-in-exile than with a terrorist organization... When I get to Washington, I want to put it to Carter that I, and only I, can change the PLO, and that I am willing to do so, if he agrees to transfer the negotiations from Camp David to Geneva." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, p.27.)

. Clearly Ceausescu's idea to create Arafat as a chameleon was to endorse peace. But his true motive was to destroy Israel. Yasser Arafat received the Nobel Peace Prize for Peace in 1994 with Prime Minister of Israel Rabin and Shimon Peres .

. "The KGB Man," *Wall St. Journal*, by Ion Pacepa, (September 22, 2003), describes how Ceausescu and Pacepa created an image for Arafat with the blessings of the KGB and how Arafat went on to be a career terrorist.

#### NOTES:

. *Gift of Diamonds* is a novel. As such, Mica's story is a literary creation of fiction. Her recollection of Fascism as well as her experiences under Communism and her reflections about Terrorism, are based on political events. But I have used the historical reality as a novelist would – to enhance the storyline. To achieve this, I have taken liberties under the guise of "poetic license" with time and place as I present a literary fresco of Romania's second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The history is the "backdrop curtain" of my novel, not center stage.

. In *Gift of Diamonds*, I narrate events about several real people with whom I have taken liberties for literary purposes: Dr. Josef Mengele, German Nazi physician at Auschwitz and war criminal, and General Ion Antonescu, leader of Romania from 1940-1944.

#### Below are the FACTS:

. Dr. Josef Mengele, while working at Auschwitz (1943-45), did not get involved in diamonds or gold. His objective as physician at the concentration camp was to experiment on inmates whom he did not consider human beings and to document his

findings as Genetic theories. He was obsessed to create the master race, the Aryan race. He saw himself as a scientist, a geneticist, a physician, and Auschwitz was his human testing ground. In this Hell devoid of morals and ethics, there were no judgmental eyes to restrict his experiments, no foreign press to stop him. His heinous acts are accurately depicted in *Gift of Diamonds*.

. General Ion Antonescu was the military dictator during Romania's Fascist period from 1940-1944.

. In 1930, Romania had a population of 750,000 Jews; in 1945, half remained. Their deaths were results of Antonescu's edits.

Antonescu was the uncontested ruler and he, not the Germans, gave orders that Jews in Bessarabia, Bukovina, Ukraine, and Moldova should be eliminated, either by torture, deportation or murder. Yet, under his regime, 400,000 Jews survived the War. 100,000+ were from Bucharest, the capital. He opposed Hitler twice to implement mass deportation of Bucharest Jews and did not oblige them to wear yellow stars or live in ghettos.

. The question is *why* this lenient policy toward the Bucharest Jews? Was it because Antonescu realized that Germany would eventually lose the War? He did experience defeat at the Eastern Front when he allied Romanian troops with the German Army to invade Russia from the Ukraine. His troops marched all the way to Stalingrad with the German Army. He saw the tides of war change. Is this why he "protected" the Bucharest Jews? To use them as future collateral? As a bargaining chip? To have them bare witness so he would receive leniency in a post-War trial? Was he playing the game of War from both sides?

. On the other hand, he willingly allied himself with Hitler, sharing many anti-Semitic beliefs. Did he do this because he wanted to get back territories that Russia had annexed? Was he a Nationalist, a military hero who had entered the War because he was a rabid anti-Communist? Or was Germany his "calling card" to protect his country from future Soviet control? The Russians were Romania's main enemy. The Americans and

British were far away and Antonescu couldn't count on them. Did he ally his country with Germany because he was afraid that Germany had thousands of troops at his front door, and would conquer Romania as they did with their neighbors?

. Some critics claim that Antonescu was a General but also a businessman. Did he keep the Bucharest Jews safe because he was waiting to receive money from President Roosevelt and the Treasury Secretary, Henry Morgenthau? Was there a deal that consisted of a price for each Romanian Jew that would be alive at the end of the War? Yet, Roosevelt stalled to pay Romania for their Jews; . Morgenthau promised that the money would come. And Roosevelt continued to procrastinate and did nothing to set up an independent Agency to allocate funds. It was not until January 1944 that Roosevelt created the War Refugee Board. At this point, the Allies were winning, King Mihai of Romania had taken power in Bucharest with Russia's help, and Antonescu could not collect his money for the Bucharest Jews he had protected.

. Rumors and myths abound that Antonescu kept waiting "to sell" the Bucharest Jews. Opponents question, to whom? The British, who controlled Palestine pre-Israeli Statehood, did not want to allot more visas than the regulated quota per year allowed. Nor did Ben-Gurion, the leader of Palestine. The Americans were using stalling tactics. And who besides the U.S. and Israel would have bought the Jews? The wealthy International Jewry who supported Raul Wallenberg in Hungary? The United Jewish Agency?

. After the war, with the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, we do see an open-market of selling Jews to leave Romania and emigrate. The Romanian communist government made millions of dollars in cash from this human trade as well as acquisitions of thousands of apartments and coveted jobs.

. As we analyze the historical period of Fascism in Romania, we see clear evidence that the Holocaust in Romania had its seeds from much earlier periods of their history than Germany's Third Reich. Romania had their own anti-Semitic pogroms and murders, independent of German rule, as the rabid anti-Semitic, Iron Guard.

. Both General Antonescu and Dr. Mengele used World War II to satisfy their personal ambitions and solidify their reputation as “Supermen.” In my historical novel, I have depicted them as evil forces figuratively and symbolically.

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS:

##### A. DURING FASCISM:

. The Nazi camp system expanded rapidly after the beginning of World War II as forced-labor became important in war production. Labor shortages in the German war economy became critical after German defeat in the Battle of Stalingrad in 1942-1943. This led to the increased use of concentration camp prisoners as forced laborers in German armaments industries. Especially in 1943 and 1944, hundreds of subcamps were established in or near industrial areas and major cities. Camps such as Auschwitz in Poland, Buchenwald in central Germany, and Transnistria Labor Camp at the border of Romania and the Ukraine, served as forced-labor camps.

. Based on an economic system, Germany used cheap labor and forced the labor of humans as their economic source to work rather than to transport them all to death camps. The German phrase, “ARBEIT MACH FREI” (WORK MAKES FREEDOM) was the slogan printed at the front door entrance to the work camps.

. Romania was rich in oil, which was needed by the German Army as they conquered territories going eastward, especially towards St. Petersburg. Romania traded their oil to Germany on a barter system. In return, General Antonescu was allowed a free reign to handle his Jewish population as he wished – sometimes savagely, and sometimes ambiguously as with the “Bucharest” Jews.

. Romania was also rich in natural gas and wheat. Both became important staples for the German Reich.

## B. DURING COMMUNISM:

. Ceausescu had a “hands-on” control of the economy. All natural resources were government owned, meaning Ceausescu-owned. And all private companies were taken over by the government.

. Romania’s foreign debt sharply increased between 1977-1981, and the dictator initiated a total reimbursement of the foreign debt by imposing policies that impoverished Romanians. When Ceausescu was executed, there was a zero foreign debt in Romania. Ceausescu had paid for everything in cash, being that he was doing all his business deals with foreign countries in cash.

. In *Gift of Diamonds*, Mica learns about Ceausescu’s business deals while she is working in the American Embassy in Budapest. What she hears is based on FACTS:

### 1. CEAUSESCU AND NUCLEAR ARMS:

. Lt. General Ion Pacepa, Ceausescu’s chief of Foreign Intelligence, writes in his memoir, *Red Horizons*, on p. 21, that in 1968, “Two Romanian nuclear specialists defected to the West and found employment in Canada’s nuclear facility, AECL, the Atomic Energy of Canada, on the reactor project, CANDU. Ceausescu saw the perfect solution for making Romania an exporter of atomic power plants, uranium, and heavy water throughout the Third World.”

. Pacepa writes in *Red Horizons*, p. 294, “On November 19, 1977, Romania also signed an agreement with Canada to buy parts for one or two nuclear reactors to be built in Cernavoda as a model for promoting Romanian export of nuclear power plants.”

. “Rate of Nuclear Thefts Disturbingly High, Monitoring Chief says,” *The New York Times*, by Neil MacFarquhar, (October 28, 2008, p. A4). The article states that “Mohammed El Baradei, United Nations Chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, claims there is a great number of nuclear and radioactive material stolen by countries of the former Soviet bloc.”

. While researching for *Gift of Diamonds*, I found in the United Nations library a letter dated July 2, 1992 addressed to Hans Blix, the Director General of the U.N. International

Atomic Energy Agency. The letter stated that under the former regime in Romania, Ceausescu had established, "lab-scale research studies on nuclear fuel and plutonium" that had not been reported to the IAEA. (Below) This was submitted by Ion Iliescu, the leader to follow Ceausescu, who did not want to have any blame for prior nuclear activities.



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The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly and of the Security Council a letter dated 2 July 1992 addressed to him by the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning his report to the Board of Governors of the Agency on non-compliance with safeguards obligations (see annex).

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ANNEX

Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Director General of  
the International Atomic Energy Agency to the  
Secretary-General

On 29 April 1992, the authorities in Romania submitted a special report to the International Atomic Energy Agency requesting it to conduct a special inspection as a result of their discovery that, during the time of the former regime in Romania, laboratory-scale research studies on certain aspects of nuclear fuel reprocessing had been conducted without having been declared to the Agency.

In conformity with article XII.C of the Statute of the Agency, I reported to the Agency's Board of Governors at its 783rd meeting, on 17 June 1992, that the special inspection carried out by the Agency confirmed that such experiments had in fact taken place in December 1985 and had resulted in the separation of approximately 100 milligrams of plutonium. I reported further to the Board that, under the agreement concluded between Romania and the Agency for the application of safeguards (INFCIRC/180), this should have been reported to the Agency, and that, until the present Romanian Government on its own initiative did so, this had not been done.

The Board of Governors took note of my report of non-compliance. On the basis of the report, the Board indicated that it was satisfied that corrective action had been taken, and expressed its appreciation to the Romanian Government for having brought the matter to the attention of the Agency upon discovery of the non-compliance. The Board further decided that, in accordance with article XII.C of the Statute, which requires the Board of the Agency to report non-compliance with safeguards obligations to the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, the matter be reported to the Council and the Assembly for information purposes. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the Security Council and of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Hans BLIX  
Director General

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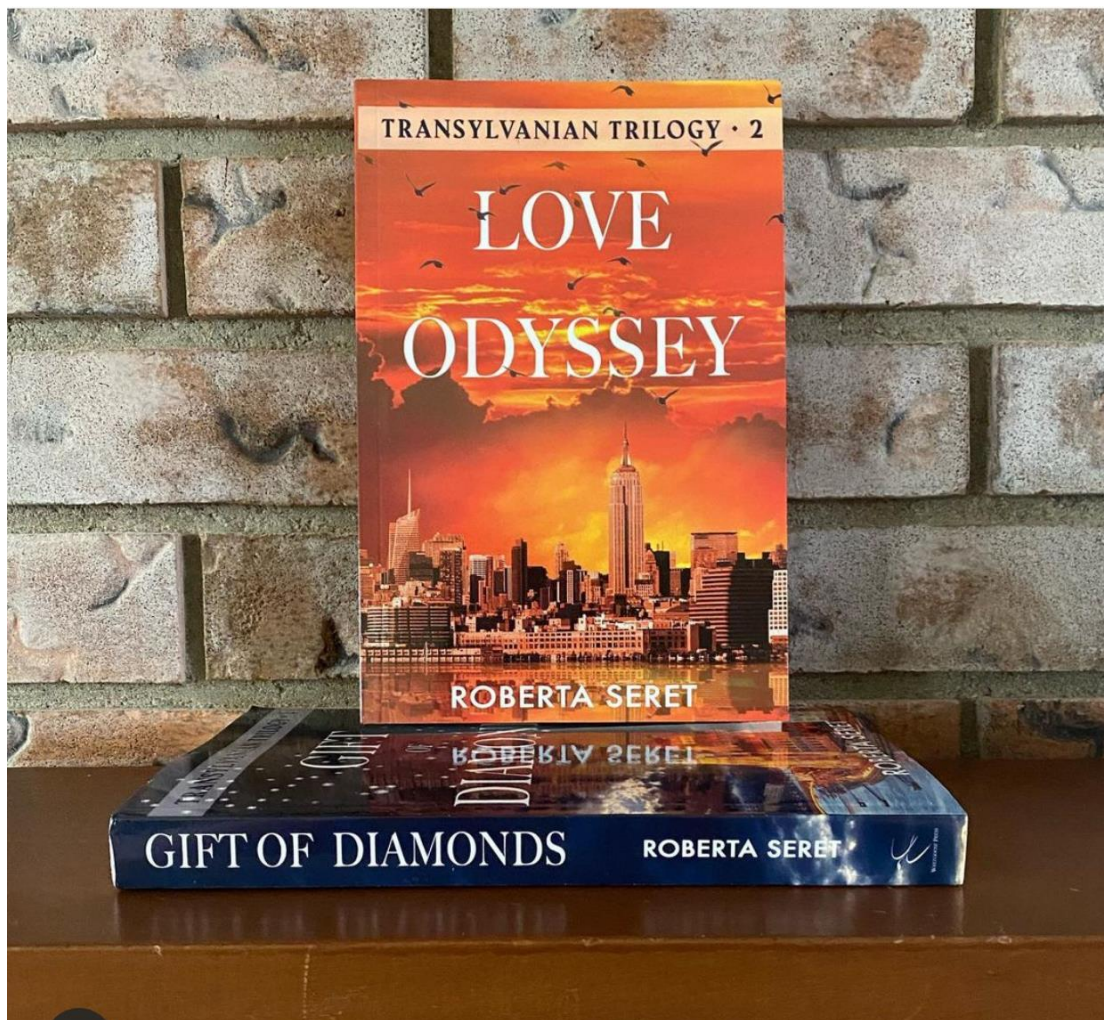
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BOOK TWO: LOVE ODYSSEY



## SUMMARY:

Words: 66,000

Escaping communist Romania, activist and doctor, Anca Rodescu is dismayed to discover she has been abandoned, pregnant and alone in America by the man she loves. Years later, at the height of Ceausescu dictatorship, dangerous change is coming to Romania, and yet, Anca is receiving messages from her past that draws her back to Transylvania and the man she thought she would never see again.

*Love Odyssey*, is a compelling story of forgiveness in war-torn Romania. True events and real personages are woven into this deeply moving love story where love is thwarted by politics. This is a portrait of communism and the people who are trapped within it. A portrait of a woman who loves, is rejected, and nineteen years later has the chance to save the man who abandoned her, and yet, she never stopped loving.

*Love Odyssey's* visual and cinematic canvas takes the reader into a kaleidoscope of exotic colors where passion and revolution are exploding. It is a world of Eastern Europe where mystery and secrets are little known, especially in a novel, and are waiting to be discovered in this page turner.

This is a compelling woman's love story taking place in Timisoara which has been nominated to be the 2021 European Capital of Culture.

## FACT and FICTION:

### FICTION

- . There was no doctor who worked within Ceausescu's government to begin the revolution or overthrow the dictator.
- . Love story and characters.

. There was a typhus epidemic in Romania during World War II, but details are transposed to 1989 for the narrative.

#### REAPPEARANCE OF FICTIONAL CHARACTERS FROM *Gift of Diamonds*:

. The 4 heroines of the trilogy are friends from their teenaged years in school together in their small imaginary town, Spera, in Transylvania. Each book of the trilogy narrates the crimes, love and voyages they all went through as young women to escape Communism and how they emerged in their new countries, free and successful. One thing remained constant throughout their lives: their friendship for each other. They were always- *poets of their own lives*.

. IN *Love Odyssey*, WE LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FICTIONAL HEROINES:

. Anca: The main female protagonist of *Love Odyssey*, is the story of Anca, a pediatrician at New York Hospital. She returns to Romania to save her ex-husband from post-revolutionary rebels. She is helped by her Gypsy friend in Transylvania who unknown to Anca, works secretly with the C.I.A.

. Mica: Twenty-four years have passed. She is married to André, a cardiologist at New York Hospital and they have twin sons. Mica is a choreographer for the Martha Graham student troupe and is also helping Romanian orphans as a Goodwill Ambassador with UNICEF. Her U.N. contacts help her and her friends, the Four Musketeers, support the Romanian revolution of 1989.

. Marina: is another childhood friend of Mica's. She emigrated from Romania to New York City with Mica's help, for Mica *bought her out* as an ethnic German. Marina is a botanist-chemist and came to America to become an entrepreneur in Cosmetics. She brought with her from Transylvania secret creams used by Gypsies and magic elixirs to stay young and beautiful. Her fortune helps finance the Romanian revolution.

. Cristina: another childhood friend of Mica's, also an ethnic German and *bought out* by Mica, emigrated from Romania to Paris. She remained in Paris to become a well-known fashion designer. Her story and Marina's story is the subject of the third novel of the

Trilogy, *TREASURE SEEKERS*, when they meet in Istanbul for a vacation, and unwillingly become involved in an actual gold laundering scheme.

#### FACTS:

(The following political information is intertwined in the novel's story:)

#### IRAN

. On December 17, 1989, Ceausescu left Bucharest to visit Teheran, despite the beginnings of demonstrations and violence in Timisoara. He left his wife, Elena, in charge of the political upheaval in Romania. For two days he stayed in Iran for business purposes with the newly-elected President Rafsanjani:

. Romania pledged to supply equipment for constructing Teheran's subway system. Romanian experts were also working on a major irrigation dam project at Raveh, 20 miles south of Teheran.

. In addition to business matters to discuss in December 1989, Ceausescu was eager to discuss with Iran's new leader at that time, Rafsanjani, some personal matters. To save his gold in the secret Bank of Tehran. This gold has never been found.

. Wikipedia has said that Rafsanjani was the richest man in Iran. In December 1989, after Ceausescu deposited his gold in Tehran and died, Rafsanjani became a businessman. He invested large amounts of money to increase his real estate holdings of pistachio farms in the district, Rafsanjan, where he was born, and expanded his industrial and technical investment portfolio. Until his death on January 6, 2017 in Tehran, he was very active in Iranian politics and extremely rich and powerful.

. ARGENTINA, Iran and Rafsanjani: *The New York Times* (January 9, 2015; February 7, 2015; March 5, 2015; December 29, 2016) and *The New Yorker* (July 30, 2015; January 23, 2015; January 31, 2015; June 29, 2016) report on a cover-up in the murder of Argentine judge, Alberto Nisman, (2015) who was investigating the 1994 terrorist bombings of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people. The bombing was the worst in Argentine history and was done with the planning of Iran's then President, Rafsanjani, his protégé, Rouhani, and the Supreme Leader's right-hand man, Qasem Soleimani, and Hezbollah. Argentina's previous Presidents, Hector and Christina Kirchner, covered-up the homicide of the judge and have said it was suicide. As of 2017, Christina Kirchner is under investigation in Buenos Aires. Pope Francisco has signed a petition for the investigation of the death of judge Nisman. At the time of the terrorist bombing, Pope Francisco was a Jesuit Cardinal for Buenos Aires. Christina Kirchner is vice-president of Argentina as of 2019 and has immunity while in government.

## PHOTOS

### ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO of PAKISTAN



Ali Bhutto, chairman of the People's Party and former foreign minister, is seen after arriving in Karachi, Pakistan on February 1969, following three months of imprisonment.



Ceausescu and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto signing agreements on February 16, 1973 in Karachi, Pakistan.

. In Pakistan, the all-powerful military had ruled the country for half of its 70-year history and no prime minister had ever completed their five-year term in office. The country's most charismatic and popular leader, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who served from 1973 to 1977, was overthrown by the military and ultimately executed. Bhutto's left leaning Pakistan People's Party won a majority in Pakistan's 1970 general election but a war with neighbor India in 1971 and a civil war that led to the creation of Bangladesh from what had been East Pakistan resulted in elections being nullified and Bhutto taking power as martial law administrator. He brought in a new constitution in 1973 and was sworn in as prime minister.

, Bhutto ordered new elections in 1977 and his party won by a large majority, but the opposition charged him with electoral fraud. The army chief at the time Gen. Zia-ul Haq mobilized Pakistan's religious right parties to agitate against Bhutto and eventually used the ensuing chaos to take over and impose martial law and bring in rigid Islamic laws. Bhutto was imprisoned. He was sentenced to death on March 18, 1978 on the charge of

having ordered the assassination of a political opponent. After an appeal to a higher court, he was hanged.

#### CEAUSESCU AND ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO:

. In 1975, Bhutto was Pakistan's Prime Minister and the leader behind Dr. Abdul Gaddafi Khan's ascent to become Pakistan's "Father of the Nuclear Bomb." (*The New York Times*, November 5, 2004; *The New York Times*, November 24, 2004; *Time* magazine, "The Merchant of Menace," February 14, 2005, pp. 22-30.)

. Ion Pacepa describes Ceausescu and Bhutto's friendship: "In 1975 I showed Ceausescu's DIE (Romania's Espionage Agency) information indicating that Pakistan was conducting ultra-secret operations to develop its own military nuclear capability. That was also Ceausescu's secret dream." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, pp. 300-302.)

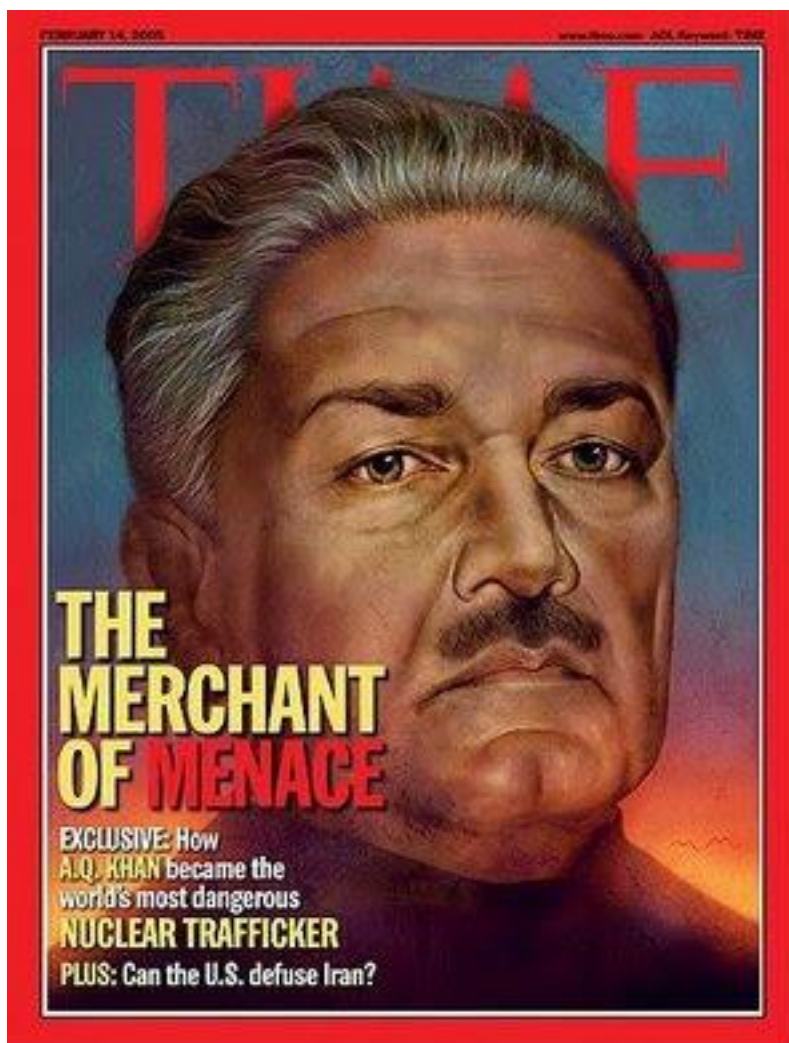
. Bhutto and Ceausescu met for the first time in Karachi in 1975. Pacepa recounts the meeting: Ceausescu began, "You and I share the same dream... and the best way to do that is to build up our power. In our day the only real power is nuclear power. We should build it secretly. ... In this envelope is a sample of what we can do. Bhutto carefully put the envelope into his pocket. It contained an inventory of the nuclear intelligence information Romania could secretly provide to Pakistan...

. Four weeks after this encounter, Radu Andreescu, an engineer working for Ceausescu, went to Pakistan with a voluminous diplomatic pouch containing sensitive nuclear information obtained from the Canadian project of the CANDU reactor as well as French nuclear security systems. He brought back to Romania supplementary intelligence on the Degussa centrifuge system for enriching uranium on which Bucharest was already working, and significant data on the industrial production of Uranium 235." (*Red Horizons*, by Ion Pacepa, pp. 301-302. ) (Note: Uranium 235 is an isotope, a form of uranium whose atomic arrangements can generate a nuclear reaction.)

. In 1975, Dr. Khan was working for URENCO in Holland and lived there with his Dutch wife. After one year, they left Holland with stolen blueprints of centrifuges. In 1976,

Pakistan with Dr. Khan as the Director of their Nuclear Agency, began building Dutch SNOR centrifuges in Islamabad, Pakistan.

DR. KHAN, FATHER OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN PAKISTAN



RAFSANJANI, IMAN, BUSINESSMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRAN



AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI, PRESIDENT OF IRAN (1981-1989)

AYATOLLAH AKBAR HASHEMI RAFSANJANI, PRESIDENT (1989-1997)

HASSAN ROUHANI, PRESIDENT (2013-2021)



NICOLAE and ELENA CEAUSESCU'S EXECUTION, December 25, 1989



*Image from trial of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu, 12/25/1989 Elena Ceaucescu and Her Husband Nicolae Ceausescu in Bucharest during their Trial.*

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#### SPECIFIC FACTS FOUND IN *Love Odyssey*:

##### PRESIDENT NICOLAE CEAUSESCU:

. Ceausescu was the General Secretary (leader) of the Romanian Communist party from 1965 to 1989 and hence the last Communist leader of Romania with his overthrow and execution in December 25, 1989.

. His government was considered the most repressive in the Eastern bloc at the time. He was responsible for human rights abuses as well as controlling the media and press, implementing methods that were among the harshest, most restrictive and brutal in the world with the use of his secret police, the *Securitate*

. As anti-government protesters demonstrated in Timisoara, Romania, in December 1989, he perceived the demonstrations as a political threat and ordered military forces to open fire on December 17, causing many deaths and injuries. (He had left for Iran) The revelation that Ceaușescu was responsible resulted in a massive spread of rioting and civil unrest across the country. The demonstrations, which reached Bucharest, became known as the Romanian Revolution- the only violent, bloody overthrow of a communist government in 1989.

. Ceaușescu and his wife, Elena, fled the capital in a helicopter, on December 22, 1989, but they were captured by the military after the armed forces changed sides. After being tried and convicted of economic sabotage, genocide, and crimes against humanity, they were executed by a firing squad on December 25, 1989.

. Ceaușescu was succeeded as President by Ion Iliescu, who had played a major part in the revolution, with the help of the American (President Ronald Reagan), British (Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher) and Russian governments (Mikhail Gorbachev)

#### ABOVE INFORMATION FOUND IN *WIKILEAKS*:

. Gaddafi and Ceausescu met in Tripoli on September 26, 1981 to do business together.

This occurred several months after there was a bombing of Radio Free Europe Headquarters on February 21, 1981 in Munich. Gaddafi was blamed. Carlos the Jackal was involved by using 30 pounds of Romanian-made explosives *nitropenta*.

. Ion Iliescu, former President of Romania after Ceausescu (1989-1996; 2000- 2004), was a student-friend of Gorbachev in Moscow. He worked behind the scene with Gorbachev, President Ronald Regan, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Pope John Paul II to overthrow Ceausescu. Iliescu was rewarded by becoming Romania's president after the execution of Ceausescu.

. Pakistan's former President, Ali Bhutto, arranged for Dr. Khan to go to Holland to work for URENCO, (manufacturer of enriched uranium for nuclear power utilities worldwide) where Dr. Khan stole secret blueprints for high-speed nuclear centrifuges and then returned with his Dutch wife to Islamabad to establish an atomic center. He became Pakistan's Father of nuclear warfare.

. Ceausescu did the same thing at the same time and sent one of his spies to URENCO in Germany to steal blueprints and set up an atomic center with centrifuges in Cernavoda, Romania. His engineer son became director of the nuclear facility.

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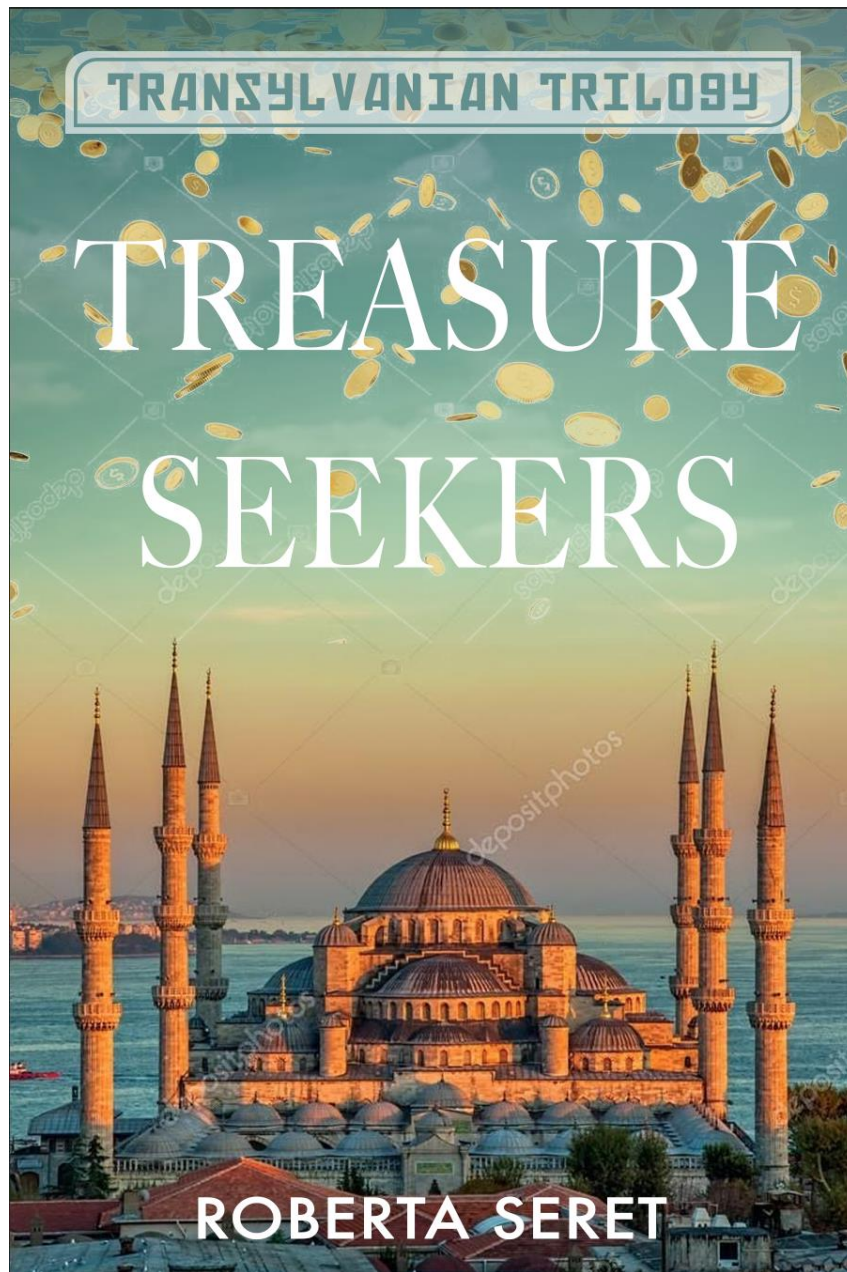
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BOOK THREE: TREASURE SEEKERS



## SUMMARY

Words: 61,000

*Treasure Seekers* is a novel in which actual events and real people are woven together with fictitious characters using creative storytelling techniques. It also contains innovative elements from various literary genres, as journalism, history, drama, satire, spy thriller, and romance.

Under the guise of fiction, *Treasure Seekers* reveal facts that are rocking the political world. Not about China or Russia, but about the American government's questionable involvement with Turkey and Iran. In late 2018, President Erdogan had phoned President Trump with an unusual request: to release one of his citizens, Reza Zarrab, from a Manhattan jail. The gold trader was accused of being at the center of a sanctions-evasion scheme, Gas-for-Gold, to launder \$10 billion in gold for Turkey and Iran.

Assisting these leaders to extradite the gold launderer is a cast of true characters: American politicians, very well known, who had conspired secretly with several leaders of countries, maybe less well known like Nicolae Ceausescu, dictator of Romania for 24 years – now deceased, and Ayatollah Akbar Rafsanjani - the richest man in Iran, also deceased. But in *Treasure Seekers*, their crimes are resurrected and used as the source for this political thriller.

The underlying question of the factual inclusions in the novel is what does Reza Zarrab, the accused criminal, know about the President of Turkey to get him out of Manhattan jail? And where did the leaders of Iran and Turkey, as well as their gold launderer, Reza Zarrab, get billions in gold to begin their Gas-for-Gold scheme?

The answers are found through the eyes of the fictional protagonists, Marina and Cristina. As amateur investigators, the life-long friends since their teenaged years in

Transylvania, travel from New York City and Paris to Istanbul to learn more about a web of crime among today's leaders. In doing so, they risk their lives when they are taken as hostages and hidden in Istanbul's catacombs. Their friendship only becomes stronger as they remember that their Romanian leader, Ceausescu, had traveled to Tehran one week before he was executed on Christmas day 1989, with suitcases filled with gold. This gold had never been claimed, never found.

*Treasure Seekers* is exploding with crime, passion, sex, and romance, but above all, it is uncovering political TRUTHS.

*Treasure Seekers* is part of TRANSYLVANIA TRILOGY: FACT and FICTION, where political truths are presented by mixing real people with fictional characters. The facts are heightened by fiction and the fiction is electrified with facts. It is a different voice, another narrative style, where current events are presented in a new literary style. *Treasure Seekers* is a visual canvas that takes the reader into a kaleidoscope of exotic colors set in Turkey, Iran and Romania, where secrets are little known and are waiting to be discovered.

### FACT and FICTION

#### FICTION:

. The stories and narratives of the Four Musketeers, Mica, Marina, Christina, and Anca, are fictitious, as well as their husbands' stories, Petre and Eugen, who work with the C.I.A.

. The fictional aspect of the story begins in Paris at Le Jardin du Luxembourg with a fashion show, hosted by designer, Cristina. Her friends, Marina, Mica and Anca, are enjoying the unique garden setting when they discuss vacationing together in Santa Fe. Once in New Mexico, Cristina and Marina meet Tahquitz, a native American Indian from the Taos tribe. He serves as their guide to find a real-life buried treasure in the desert.

- . Several months later, while visiting Tahquitz in Istanbul, Marina and Cristina attend a party hosted by a Turkish rock star. Facts take over for the singer was actually married to Reza Zarrab, the richest gold smuggler in the world.
- . The novel ends on a fictional note in Paris with another fashion show. The narrative transforms into a love story when the leading protagonists, Marina and Tahquitz, prepare their wedding in New York City.
- . All the characters in the novel participate in a treasure hunt, where fiction and facts intermix. Yet, the Treasure and search for Truth goes far beyond the largest money laundering scheme in our time.

## FACTS

- . True events of crime lead Marina and Cristina to investigate the actual smuggling operation that is known as the Gas-for-Gold scheme, involving hundreds of billions of dollars being shared among Iranian and Turkish politicians.
- . Ceausescu took gold to Tehran on December 18, 1989 for secret, safe keeping to President Rafsanjani and his private bank. Reports and newspaper articles claim that the value amounted to \$1 Billion in gold bullion bars. It is true that this gold has never been found or identified. However, the theory that the \$1 Billion in gold was recycled to jump start the Gas-for-Gold scheme is based on my own findings for fictional purposes. There has been no proof of this.
- . However, there are photos in newspaper articles showing the relationship of key political and financial figures from the countries involved in the scheme.
- . The novel's factual background narrates how during the years of smuggling gold for the Gas-for-Gold scheme, there was an embargo in Iran. International sanctions prevented trade as well as transfers of money or currency to enter or leave Iran. Yet, there was gold hidden in the Bank of Tehran by President Rafsanjani, that had to be recycled, somehow by someone: Rafsanjani was getting old and his political opponents were suspicious of his wealth. And Iran needed capital because of its dire economic state caused by

international sanctions. The novel describes how a scheme had to be created to help both Iran and Turkey circumvent their economic and political problems.

. The death of Rafsanjani on January 8, 2017, is factual. He was the former president of Iran, respected Ayatollah and at the time of his death, the richest man in Iran. He had never revealed the secret of what happened to Ceausescu's gold.

. However, just before Rafsanjani's death, 25 years later in 2016, gold resurfaces as the key launderer, Reza Zarrab, in realty, enters Miami with his wife and daughter to visit Disney World. He is arrested and taken to a Manhattan prison while his legal team works to free him. Represented by key politicians and seventeen lawyers, including Rudy Giuliani, Zarrab makes a deal with the American government to flip from accused to witness to informant and to be protected in the U.S. government's Witness Protective Program.

. All names in the novel from the Political-Factual segment have been changed except Ceausescu (President-Dictator of Romania, 1965-1989) and Rafsanjani (President of Iran, 1989-1995). Both leaders are no longer alive.

#### OTHER FACTS:

. The buried treasure of Forrest Fenn in the mountains of Santa Fe is true. After 20 years the treasure, valued at \$100,000 was found in 2021, just before Mr. Fenn died.

. Argentina, Iran and Rafsanjani: *The New York Times* (January 9, 2015; February 7, 2015; March 5, 2015; December 29, 2016; December 11, 2017) and *The New Yorker* (July 30, 2015; January 23, 2015; January 31, 2015; June 29, 2016) report on a cover-up in the murder of Argentine judge, Alberto Nisman, (2015) who was investigating the 1994 terrorist bombings of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 people. The bombing was the worst in Argentine history and was done with the planning of Iran's Presidents Rafsanjani, Rouhani and Hezbollah.

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covered-up the homicide of the judge and have said it was suicide. As of 2017, Christina Kirchner is under investigation in Buenos Aires for information related to the judge's death. As of 2020, she is vice president and has received immunity for this crime while she is still in government.

. POPE FRANCIS has signed a petition for the investigation of the death of judge Nisman. At the time of the terrorist bombing, Pope Francis was Jesuit Archbishop of Buenos Aires.

#### FACTUAL & POLITICAL BACKGROUND APPEAR IN THE FICTIONAL STORY:

TURKEY –all the political information related to Turkey, President Erdogan, his family, ministers, banking officials, and schemes are true and backed up by newspaper articles and reports. (See bibliography.)

. American politicians have all worked with President Erdogan to cover up the Gas-for-Gold scheme and Turkey's partnership with Iran to circumvent international sanctions due to Iran's nuclear program.

. All information related to the trial of Mehmet Hakan Atilla and the plea bargain with Reza Zarrab are true and documented from court records.

. All information related to Bilal Erdogan and his business partners are true. (See bibliography).

IRAN and Iran's President, Rafsanjani, from 1989-1997, were involved directly with Ceausescu. This was during December 18-21, 1989, the time of the Romanian revolution and one week before Ceausescu was executed. Ceausescu went to Tehran to give Rafsanjani all his gold for safekeeping in Rafsanjani's private bank, the Bank of Tehran.

. In return, Rafsanjani gave Ceausescu a group of Iranian Revolutionary guards to protect him upon returning home several days later to the Revolution of 1989.

. The gold has never been found or claimed by the Romanian government or the Ceausescu family.

WIKIPEDIA- has revealed that Rafsanjani was the richest man in Iran at the time of his death in 2017. Before that, in December 1989, after Ceausescu deposited his gold in Tehran and died, Rafsanjani was at the peak of his financial portfolio. He invested large amounts of money to increase his real estate holdings of pistachio farms in his hometown Iranian section, Rafsanjan, and expanded his industrial and high-tech investment portfolio. Until his death, he was very active in Iranian politics as well as rich and powerful.

BABAK ZANJANI- Iranian citizen arrested and jailed in Evin Prison in Tehran for his part in the Gas-for-Gold scheme. Based on numerous articles and reports, it is true that he withheld \$2.7 billion from the Iranian government in his commissions as a gold trader for the Ministry of Oil. He collected \$17.5 billion for the Iranian government and he was worth \$13.5 billion at the time of his arrest on December 30, 2013. He worked with his friends, Reza Zarrab and sons of Turkish politicians. He is still in Tehran's Evin prison for "crimes against the Earth," or until he returns the money.

ROMANIA has had an economic relationship with Turkey as far back as the Ottoman Empire and in the 20<sup>th</sup> century with Shah Reza Pahlavi. Romania has been involved with the TANAP pipeline as described in the novel and in conjunction with Turkey. When Ceausescu was executed in 1989, Iran and Romania had business projects that exceeded \$1 Billion.

AFTERWORD at the end of the novel offers the reader startling political facts found in *Treasure Seekers* that have been collaborated by journalists of *The New York Times*.

PHOTOS:

## THE ARREST OF REZA ZARRAB



APPEARING IN *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, IS A PHOTO OF REZA ZARRAB AT HIS ARREST. THE CAPTION READS: *THE MAN BEHIND THE GAS-FOR-GOLD SCANDAL*. THE ARTICLE BEGINS BY STATING, “ZARRAB’S SCHEME WAS PART OF AN ORGANIZED PLOT TO ASSIST THESE GOVERNMENTS.”

(*THE NEW YORK TIMES* HAD REVIEWED AND REPRINTED THE OFFICIAL SUMMARY OF ZARRAB’S ARREST on March 1, 2016.)



MAP APPEARING NEXT TO REZA ZARRAB'S PHOTO, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*, (March 1, 2016) (The section of Romania that is marked is Transylvania.)

DALI'S DESIGN (Photo by Roberta Seret)



AKBAR RAFSANJANI: CAN HE BE TRUSTED?



CEAUSESCU AND RAFSNJANI FROM THE 1980'S.



FIREFIGHTING HELICOPTERS DESCRIBED IN THE NOVEL THAT COULD HAVE BEEN USED IN THE SCHEME TO CARRY GOLD:

*SILLER BROTHERS S-64E-*

(A FIREFIGHTING HELICOPTER EQUIPPED WITH A RED *BAMBI* BUCKET ATTACHED TO A LONG CABLE.)



*KAMOV KA-32 MODEL-*

(A RUSSIAN DESIGN, BUILT TO DELIVER HEAVY EQUIPMENT. ITS ADVANTAGE IS THAT IT CAN TAKE OFF AND LAND IN UNPAVED GROUND AND IN MOUNTAINS. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH SPECIAL GUIDING LIGHTS THAT CANNOT BE DETECTED FROM THE EXTERIOR.)



MAP USED IN NOVEL THAT DESCRIBES POSSIBLE AIR CONTROL RECORDS BETWEEN VAN  
(TURKEY) and TABRIZ (IRAN)

(Reza Zarrab was born in Tabriz and his parents lived there.)



FORMER PRESIDENT ROUHANI AND AYATOLLAH RAFSANJANI



RAFSANJANI AWARDS BABAK ZANJANI. In TEHRAN



ZANJANI. on TRIAL



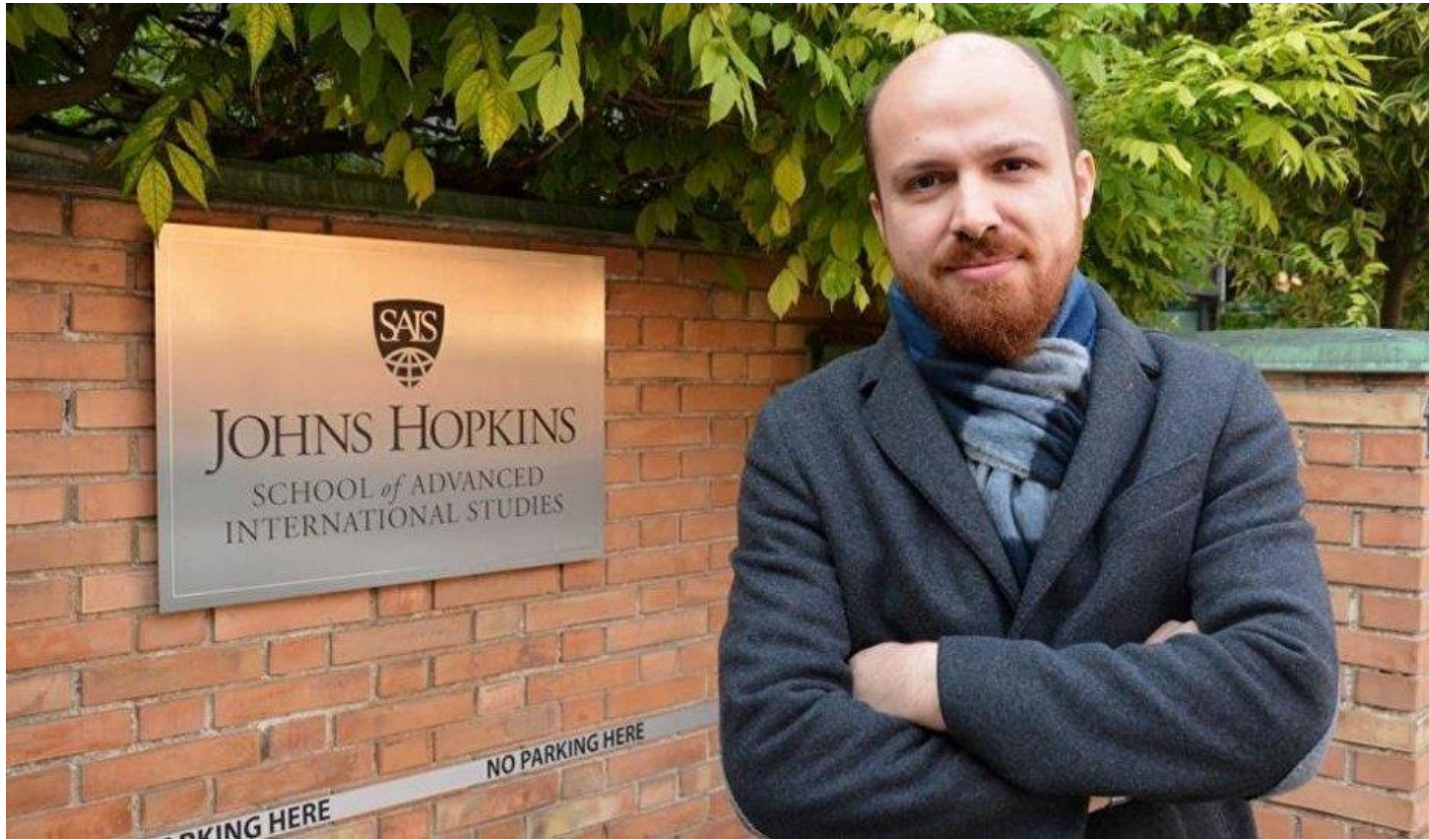
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GOLD BARS FOR EXHIBIT and EVIDENCE, PRESENTED by WITNESS, HUSEYIN KORKMAZ at

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**INDEX OF CHARACTERS; WHO ARE THEY?**  
**(as they appear in Book):**

- . Reza Zarrab + Reza Zarrat = Recep Sharatt- arrested in NYC for gold smuggling
- . Ebru Gundes= Deniz Akar = rock star and his real wife
- . President Recep Tayyip Erdogan = Ozogant= President of Iran
- . President Obama = President Hobbamma
- . Loretta Lynch = Larissa Linde = U.S. Secretary of Justice
- . Hossein Zarrab = Hassan Sharatt - = father of Reza, Zarrab the gold smuggler
- . President Donald Trump = Helmut Hoss
- . Bilal Erdogan = Belcan Ozogant = son of Turkey's President
- . Babak Zanjani = Balal Zanssany = Iranian gold smuggler in jail in Iran
- . President Ahmadinejad = Hammidnejad = past president of Iran
- . Memet Atilla = Mohamet Akan = deputy CEO of Halkbank and arrested in NYC
- . Kaan Caglayan = Hamza Caglan = his son and friend of Recep
- . Muammar Guler = Mehmet Gul = Turkey's Minister
- . Baris Guler = Babak Gul = his son and friend of Recep
- . Yunnus Bayrek = Suleyman Boreck = friend of Recep
- . Oguz Bayrak = Oz Boreck = friend of Recep
- . Senator Mike Mukasey = Mark McKasen
- . Marc Mukasey = Michael McKasen
- . Mayor Rudy Giuliani = Roby Chuliany
- . General Mike Flynn = Ike Flemm
- . Special Counsel Robert Mueller = Robert Miller
- . Alara Zarrab = Astara Sharatt = daughter of Recep and rock star
- . Emine Erdogan = Alara Ozogant = wife of President of Turkey
- . President Khatami = Katammy = President of Iran
- . President Rouhani = President Rustany
- . Ayatollah Khamenei = Ayatollah Camaney
- . Berat Albayrak – son in law Eratan = Oz Aladek
- . Huseyin Korkmaz – surprise witness at Atilla's trial = Saddam Corrmasz
- . Judge Richard Berman = Friedman
- . President Cristina Kirchner of Argentina = Prissy Richner
- . President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina = Hector Richner
- . Hezbollah = Hizzbulla
- . ISIS = HISSIS
- . NUSRA = NUESTRA
- . al Qaeda = al Keyta

**BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (Changed Names):**

- . Halkbank = Hachebanque AE

- . Deutsche Bank = Teutonic Bank
- . Calik Holding Group = Kalleak
- . Bank Mellat = Bank Metall
- . Mellat Exchange = Metall Exchange
- . Malaysian First Islamic Bank = Malay Premier Bank
- . Aktif Bank = Hactive Bank
- . Tupras = Twopratts
- . Sara Tourism Company = Saranson Tourism Company
- . Sorinet Group = Sorayanne Group
- . Mahan Air = Aire Mayhem
- . International Monetary Fund= Global Monetary Foundation

NO CHANGE:

- . Rafsanjani
- . Ceaurescu

CHANGED NAMES IN BOOK (FROM POLITICAL / FACTUAL SEGMENT)

- . Recep Sharatt = arrested in NYC for gold smuggling and laundering
- . Deniz Akar = rock star and his real wife
- . Alara Zarrab = Astara Sharatt = daughter of Recep and rock star, Deniz
- . President Ozogant = President of Turkey
- . Emine Erdogan = Alara Ozogant = wife of President of Turkey
- . Belcan Ozogant= son of Turkey's President
- . Oz Aladek = son in law of President Ozogant
- . President Hobbamma = President of the United States (2008-2016)
- . Larissa Linde = U.S. Secretary of Justice
- . Hassan Sharatt = father of Reza Zarrab the gold smuggler
- . President Helmut Hoss = President of the United States (2017- 2021)
- . Balal Zanssany = Iranian gold smuggler in jail in Iran. Friend of Recep Sharatt
- . President Hammidnejad = past president of Iran
- . Mohamet Akan = deputy CEO of Halkbank and arrested in NYC
- . Senator Mark McKasen = working with President of Turkey on behalf of US President
- . Mayor Roby Chuliany = working with President of Turkey on behalf of US President
- . General Ike Flemm = working with President of Turkey on behalf of US President
- . Special Counsel Robert Miller = Special Council Mueller
- . President Katammy = past President of Iran
- . President Rustany – present President of Iran
- . Ayatollah Khamenei = Ayatollah Camaney
- . Saddam Corrmasz =surprise witness at trial of Akan, deputy CEO of Halkbank
- . Judge Friedman = judge presiding over trial of Mohamet Akan

- . President Prissy Richner = former President of Argentina
- . Hector Richner former President of Argentina;  
    husband to President Prissy Richner
- . Hezbollah = Hizbulla
- . ISIS = HISSIS
- . NUSRA = NUESTRA
- . al Qaeda = al Keyta

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