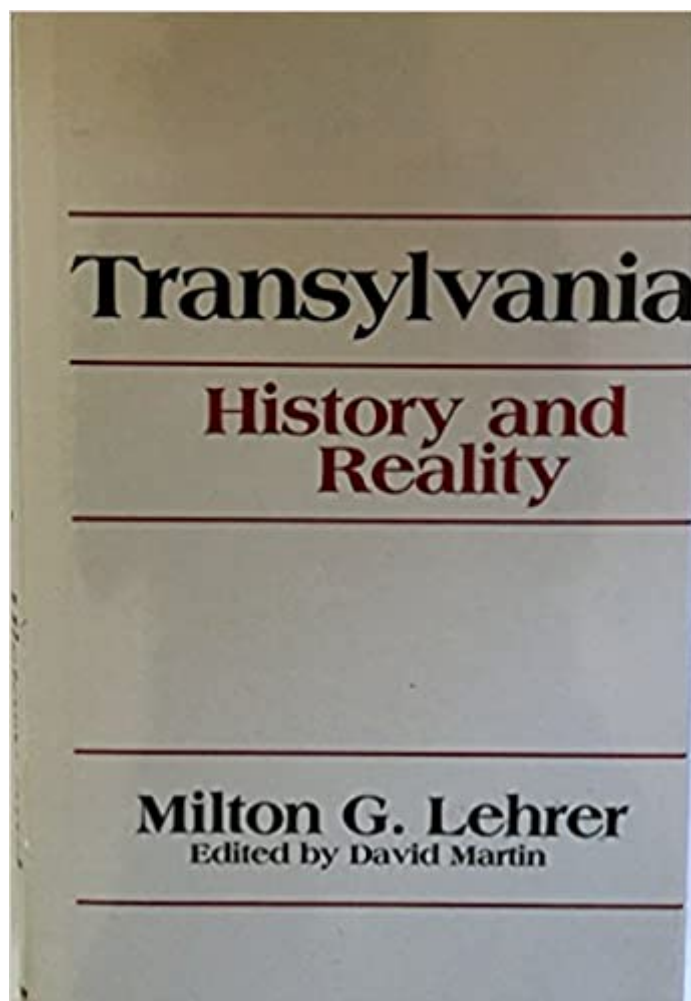


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Well documented. Very interesting addition to the world of imperial mass failure attempts of this planet. Few successful empires have brought cultural, technological and social progress onto their conquered territories. Even with those, it is hard to accept their actions as humane... The magyar tribes, coming from the russian steppes equipped with nobility diplomas issued by the tail of their horses tried by brutal force to subjugate some land and dominate the native people in central/eastern Europe. Today Hungary is a decent country, yet among the first 25 highest suicidal rates in the world.

Hungarians, apparently a migrant population from the north of the actual Iran, migrated in the 10th century to Europe. From that time to our days the Hungarians have a fixation for the Romanian (Dacian territories before the Roman conquest from 106 A.C.) province named Transilvania. The book shows how the Hungarians, famous for their cruelty (they proudly named themselves "Attilas' descendents"), using terror methods and crimes, ruled a few centuries over the six times more numerous Romanian population. All that time was a dark era for Romanians and their history. Even now the Romanians are frightened by Hungarian minority. Read D. Băfăniș - Hungary's ex-prime

minister - Magyar nemzetiségpolitika" Budapest, 1903 and you will understand the Hungary's minorities politics. From 1920, after the Trianon Treaty, Transylvania returned rightfully to Romania. Hungarians, and their minority from Romania, use "historical facts", falsify the "minorities problem", and spend a lot of lobby and propaganda money hoping to regain Transylvania. They have created a whole literature about the "Hungary's Transylvania." Today's Hungary have territorial and minorities disputes with the all neighbor countries.

This book focuses on the Hungarian discrimination against the Romanians in Transylvania from the Middle Ages until World War II. Told from the Romanian point of view. Not much about the Transylvanian Saxons who were the third largest group to reside in Transylvania. Interesting reading. You will learn a lot about this region.

This book was written before the end of WW2 - there was NO Ceaușescu and NO communist government in Romania at the time. Moreover, THIS BOOK IS WRITTEN BY AN IMPARTIAL AMERICAN PROFESSOR - SO IF YOU TRULY WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH, THIS IS IT!! (On the other hand, S. Biro is known for being an extreme nationalist prop for Hungarian propaganda and Hungarian Revisionist policies.) Another very good book which tells the TRUTH about Hungarian policies in the territories they occupied is "REVISIONIST HUNGARY" by Dr. Samuel Fenyés (who happened to be an honest Hungarian).

The author was extremely thorough in his research. The book is worth reading. Regarding a previous comment that "Apparently the author only used information fabricated by the Ceaușescu", this cannot be true since the book was written before the end of WW2. Also, Milton Lehrer was a Jew, and Jews are generally known for being very objective with regard to the history of the countries they lived in.

This book is completely misnamed, as it reflects neither history nor reality. It is less a Romanian viewpoint than an anti-Hungarian viewpoint. According to the thesis of this book Hungarians existed only to torture Romanians. Apparently the author only used information fabricated by the Ceaușescu regime and its minions to expel Hungarian-Transylvanians. This book is neither well balanced nor well researched, and should not be considered a valid scholastic work. For a book on Transylvania actually worth reading try "The Nationalities Problem in Transylvania 1867-1940" by Sandor Biro.

The book is a very sad example how an author can misinterpret historical facts. It is unique in a sense that it was written by a non-Romanian (?) but still author's view is perfectly matching with the nationalistic view of the Romanian historians. The book plays a close attention how the Hungarian repressed the Romanians in the middle age, although nationalism did not existed until the french revolution (XIX century). Beside that between the fifteenth and the early nineteenth centuries Transylvania was ruled by either the Ottoman or by the Hasburgs indirectly. The book almost disregards the Saxons (German ethnic group) who played also an important role in history of Transylvania, but after the second world war they were fully expelled from the country. Since such a fact can be quite awkward for Romanians they simply disregard them from history.

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