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Global Reading: Bulgaria

DB18073 The Tongue Set Free: Remembrance Of A European Childhood
by Elias Canetti (autobiography)

An account of the 1981 Nobel Prize winner's early life, the events, personalities, and intellectual forces which shaped him as a young man. The shifting environments described range from Bulgaria to Manchester, England, and Switzerland to Vienna. 1977. (1981 Nobel Prize in Literature)

DB07826 The Third Truth by Michael Bar-Zohar (spy fiction)

Jeff Saunders, a top CIA agent fallen from grace, is given a chance to reestablish his damaged reputation when he is assigned to a multiple-murder case involving an act of cannibalism committed at Dachau. 1973.

DB80924 Wildalone by Krassi Zourkova (paranormal romance)

Arriving at Princeton, Thea is separated from her family and homeland for the first time. As she struggles to adapt, brothers Rhys and Jake introduce her to a mythic underworld, which seems to mimic Bulgarian legends of the samodivi, or "wildalones." Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2015.

DB85182 Stork Mountain by Miroslav Penkov (contemporary fiction)

Three years after his grandfather cuts off contact with the family, a Bulgarian immigrant returns from America to search for him in the Strandja Mountains. As he travels, he remembers time spent with his grandfather, and he falls in love with a Muslim girl. 2016

DB117250 Time Shelter by Georgi Gospodinov (sci-fi)

Gaustine opens a "clinic for the past" that offers a promising treatment for Alzheimer's sufferers: each floor reproduces a decade in minute detail, transporting patients back in time. But as the rooms become more convincing, an increasing number of healthy people seek out the clinic as a "time shelter", starting an unexpected conundrum. Unrated. 2020.

DB87695 The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova (historical mystery)
While assisting an elderly couple and their son, Alexandra Boyd accidentally acquires the ashes of violinist Stoyan Lazarov. Alexandra attempts to return the remains, but threats reaching back into Stoyan's lifetime thwart her. She must uncover secrets relating to Stoyan. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

DB42444 Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies And Their Journey by Isabel Fonseca.
The former assistant editor at the Times Literary Supplement reports on Gypsies in East Central Europe, basing her account on research and on visits between 1991 and 1995. She describes the Gypsies' lifestyle and documents their history, including enslavement from the 1300s into the 1800s, genocide by the Nazis, and racist persecution in postcommunist countries. Some violence. 1995.

DB48602 Bulgaria by Steven Otfinoski. (history, geography)
Examines the Eastern European country's history, politics, and culture as well as its problems and potential. Describes the change from a Communist satellite to a free nation. For senior high and older readers. 1998.

DB114236 The Great Cauldron: A History Of Southeastern Europe
by Marie-Janine Calic (world history)
Combining deep insight with narrative flair, The Great Cauldron invites us to reconsider the history of this intriguing, diverse region as essential to the story of global Europe. Marie-Janine Calic reveals the many ways in which southeastern Europe's position at the crossroads of East and West shaped continental and global developments. The nascent merchant capitalism of the Mediterranean world helped the Balkan knights fight the Ottomans in the fifteenth century. 2019.

DB114237 Macedonia: A Voyage Through History. Vol. 1, From Ancient Times To The Ottoman Invasions by Michael Palairot.
Volume 1 moves from the Temenid kingdom in the Fifth Century BC, through Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Bulgarian and Serbian rule, to the overthrow of Christian rule by the Ottoman Turks. Many of the highlights in ancient Macedonian history were created by King Philip II and his son Alexander, and by the struggles of the Antigonid regime to withstand the ambitions of the Romans. 2015.