Part memoir, part reflection, this book will bring to life central Europe during the last ten years of the Cold War. It begins in Trieste in 1979; the second part moves to Vienna in 1985; in the third part, the story shifts to Prague in 1989 during the dramatic days of the „velvet revolution“ and the long-awaited opening up of the east. Moscow was far more engaged with events during those turbulent November weeks than is generally appreciated.

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