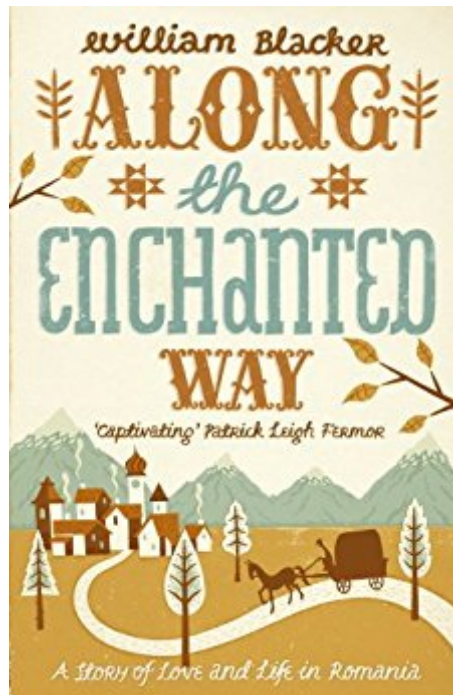




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When William Blacker first crossed the snow-bound passes of northern Romania, he stumbled upon an almost medieval world. There, for many years he lived side by side with the country people, a life ruled by the slow cycle of the seasons, far away from the frantic rush of the modern world. In spring as the pear trees blossomed he ploughed with horses, in summer he scythed the hay meadows and in the freezing winters gathered wood by sleigh from the forest. From sheepfolds harried by wolves, to courting expeditions in the snow, he experienced the traditional way of life to the full, and became accepted into a community who treated him as one of their own. But Blacker was also intrigued by the Gypsies, those dark, foot-loose strangers of spell-binding allure who he saw passing through the village. Locals warned him to stay clear but he fell in love and there followed a bitter struggle. Change is now coming to rural Romania, and William Blacker's adventures will soon be part of its history. From his early carefree days tramping the hills of Transylvania, to the book's poignant ending, *Along the Enchanted Way* transports us back to a magical country world most of us thought had vanished long ago.

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This book is a young man's heartwarming memoir of his journey in life and love in a beautiful and remote corner of Eastern Europe. Like many people in their 20s, he travels through a seductive region of Romania, and meets fascinating people, but in his case he doesn't go home and enroll in law school or something sensible. He stays, immerses himself in the place, and falls in love with the people and their way of life. He is perceptive and intelligent so it is a pleasure to share his rich adventure. It was beautifully rendered and finely written, with compelling characters. I read it from beginning to end in two days. I can't believe I never heard of this book. We recently went on a week's trip to Romania, to the region he details, and it was mentioned in a guide book, so I downloaded it. It is one of the best books I've read in years. I was sad when I finished the book. I found myself missing some of the characters, and wishing I had known them.

Everyone loves the Maremures section, but I found his life with the gypsies fascinating as well. And while the author says Romanian's relations with the gypsies have greatly improved, I suspect he is being kind.

This book was a joy. Highly recommend it Joan Wynne

What an amazing, inspiring story! I loved it.

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Beautifully written.

Best book on Romania!

This book was ordered as a Christmas gift for someone who is going to spend a month in Transylvania at camp. It arrived from England as promised.

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