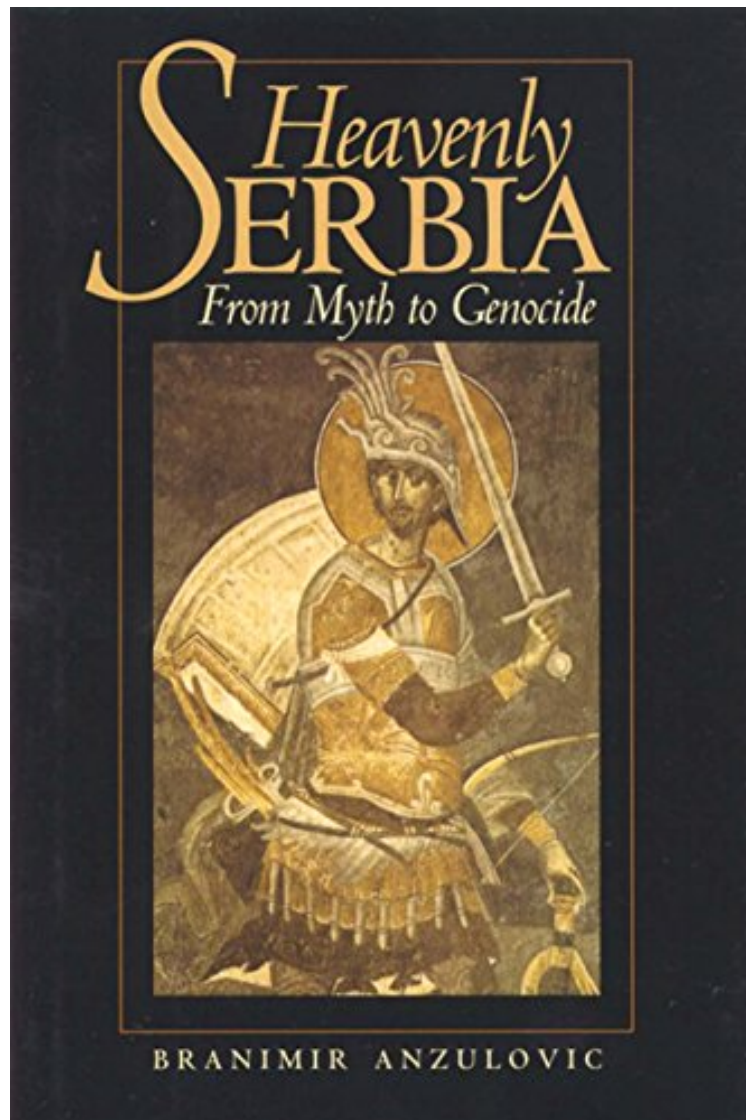


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The problem with myths in post-modern societyVon David A. NewsomI was well impressed by this book. Unfortunately, I am a bit troubled by the negative reviews that a number of other reviewers have given this book. No doubt, many of them are from people of Serbian or Orthodox decent. Regretably, even some of the most open-minded Serbs and Greeks that I know tend to downplay the ugliness that is a part of our past, probably because it is a threat to their sense

of identity in some way. I guess every culture has that though to some extent, I am ashamed of America's failure to come to terms with the genocide against Native Americans over the last 500 years, and the conditions they live today. Many Americans may just find it too troubling to come to terms with the fact that this nation was partially built on the blood of its indigenous peoples (as well as African slaves). That is a dark side of America's past many would rather forget. The same holds true for Serbs and their history. The author did a very impressive job exposing the deep roots of Serbia's national myths, which has fed an exclusivist ethnic based nationalism derived from a medieval rather than modern notion of a nation. I found his evidence very persuasive in most respects. However, I do agree with many of the critics though that the book was weaker for failing to stress much on the Ustasa regime and the atrocities committed by the present day Tudjman-HDZ regime, which played a significant role in the current polarized climate (in other words, Milosevic and Serbs are not to be blamed entirely, although they are of primary responsibility for the region's suffering). However, that does not mean this book is not without scholarly merit. After all, the book was about Serbs and their myths, not Croats, Bosniaks or Albanians.

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 Myth...what myth? Von Misho Nikodimovich It is logical that those who wish to portray Serbia like some kind of threat have chosen to insist on the megalothnic self-perception of Serbs, given the fact that this state does not possess any economic, technological or other potentials that could justify its presentation like "Balkan troublemaker". And who is saying "Catch the thief! ". The historical forerunners of Yugoslav idea are to be found among Croatian intellectuals. However, some Croats had deep-rooted dislike for it, because although they share 98% of language with Serbs and have same ethnic origin, rest of Federation was "no good company" because of occidental snobishness that was endemic among certain intellectual circles that were inclined towards Ustashi ideology, which created autocratic H.D.Z. regime, one that ruled until now with south-american styled dictatorship-which denied Croatian participation in Holocaust (Jasenovac). It is cynical to separate historical elements by presenting "their side of the story", implying that Serbs are free to do the same, if they like to do so. The fact is that number of antiserbian books outdoes proserbian ones 99 to 1, and consequently that would mean engagement in the endless tug of war, spiral of thesis vs. antithesis, without any objective judgement. One should rather look and listen to chilling secretly shot video of former Croatian minister of defence Spegelj, in order to understand that whatever was action of few thugs on Serbian side during the civil war and what author implies was genocide, was Croatian official policy against Serbs. West did not blink when Serbians were expelled from Krajina, but was enthusiastic to destroy F.R.Y for alleged atrocities in Kosovo. Author builds his construction on the phrase "Heavenly people", one that was used, ironically, by few petty Serbian national-romantics, today's opposition leaders in Serbia, but never by Miloshevic himself. People who call themselves "Balkan experts" will find good agitprop manual in this book, one that is appealing to the heart, instead to the mind.

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 Von Ein Kunde I find this book quite appalling from the academic point of view. I have taken a particular interest in the Balkans some years back when I met a Slovenian friend in Prague in 1988. Since then I have followed Balkans closely and have done an extensive research on its history. Anzulovic, for whom I suspect is a Croat himself based on my knowledge of the Slavic last names, has done a great disservice to himself and his readership. He only uses data which supports his inflated claims, and overlooks the historical reality. One of these "minor" historical realities he fails to mention are 297,100 Serbs who were cleansed from Croatia in 1995 and some 250,700 Serbs cleansed out of Bosnia the same year. Unlike Anzulovic, I do not make up my figures - these were taken from the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees Report for 1996. But that may be too credible of a source for Mr. Anzulovic.

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