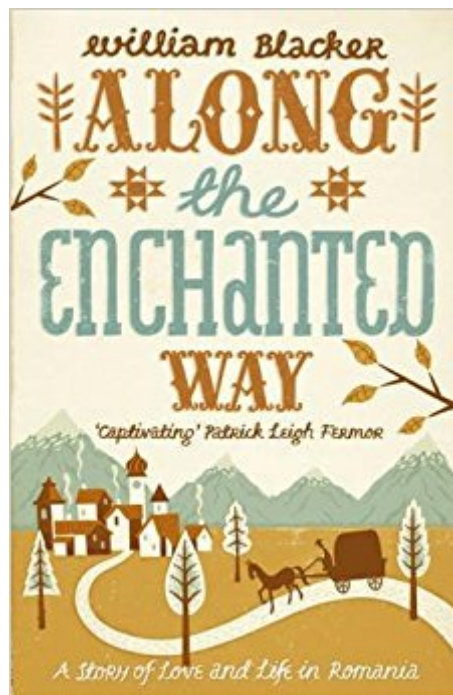




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# Along The Enchanted Way: A Story Of Love And Life In Romania. William Blacker



## Synopsis

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 world most of us thought had vanished long ago.

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'Enchantment is the key word. One wonders whether this might be the book of a lifetime, with all its youthful vigour' Every page and paragraph says Blacker is a natural-born writer and teller of great

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William Blacker lived in Romania from 1996 to 2004. He now divides his time between England, Italy and Romania. He has contributed articles and photographs to the Daily Telegraph, Ecologist, Art Newspaper and The Times.

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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