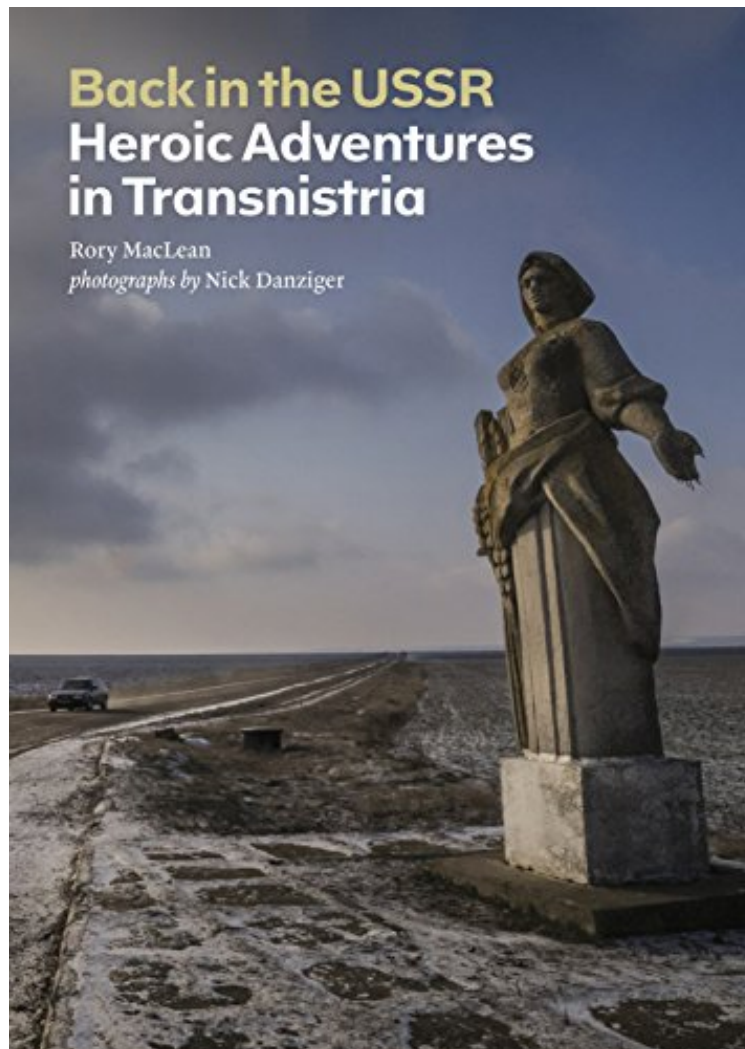



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faces of the people bring Transnistria to life. Dantzinger and MacLean show how images and text, beautifully paired, can create a world that rises out of the pages into the reader's mind and into the reader's imagination. I hope the timeline evolves as predicted, and that the prime minister really has triplets.

Ian Fleming could not have imagined a better place to set a thriller: an upstart mini-state on the edge of Europe, Transnistria is a nowhere-land, a Soviet museum occupied by Russian peace-keepers near the Black Sea. Its oligarchs in Adidas tracksuits hunt wild boar with AK-47s. Its young people train for revolution at the Che Guevara High School of Political Leadership. Its secret factories have supplied arms to Chechnya and electrical cable to Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant. Its isolation and tiny size belie the real threat it poses to the West. To many observers, Transnistria is the North Korea of Europe. Yet its new president has launched a cunning coup of political marketing, appointing as his top ministers personable young women like the Facebook-savvy Cheryl Cole lookalike Foreign Minister, sexing-up the republic's image abroad, and using their glitter to obscure this internationally unrecognised non-state's shadowy past. Now Western ambassadors and foreign ministers are queuing up to meet them. Rory MacLean and Nick Dantzinger, two of Europe's most intrepid travellers and chroniclers, document life in the only country in the world not to have recognised the collapse of the Soviet Union. Readers will find themselves truly back in the USSRhellip; with a difference.

About the AuthorRory Maclean (Author)Rory MacLean's eight non-fiction books include the UK bestsellers Stalin's Nose and Under the Dragon. During his research journeys he walked through the newly opened Berlin Wall and met Aung San Suu Kyi in Rangoon. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.Nick Dantzinger (Author)Nick Dantzinger is one of Europe's finest photojournalists and a gifted visual storyteller. His photographic work is held in museum collections worldwide. His mirror image of Tony Blair and George W. Bush shot during a 30day, ground-breaking study of a Prime Minister at war won the World Press Photo Award.