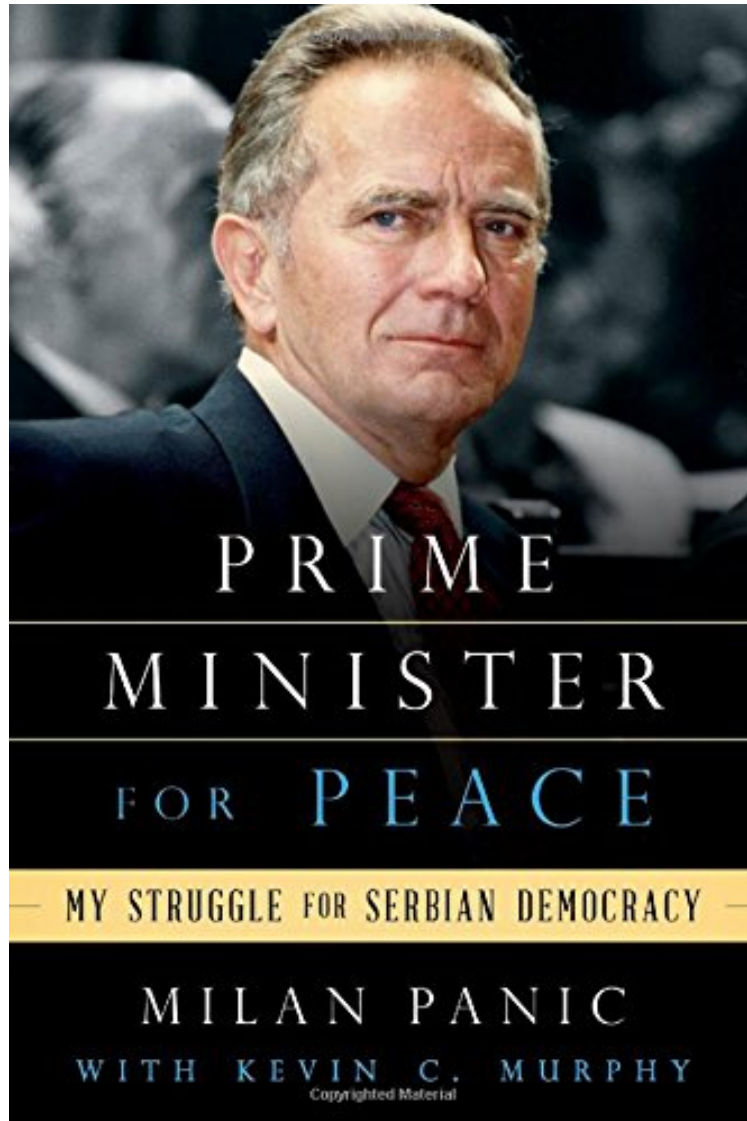


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In this remarkable memoir, Milan Panic tells the formerly unknown story of his attempts to oust Slobodan Milosevic and his battles with the U.S. State Department in an effort to bring peace to the Balkans during the Yugoslav Wars. A young cycling champion who fought the Nazi occupation in Yugoslavia with Titos partisans, Panic defected after World War II from his now-communist country to start a new life in the United States. But his greatest challenge still lay ahead when he was invited to serve as prime minister of Yugoslavia. But in Belgrade, ancient enmities and suspicions festered, and the threat of tragedy and bloodshed loomed large as ethnic conflict raged. And even as Panic implored the West for support, he would have to outwit the machinations of a wily Serbian dictator, Slobodan Milosevic. Including behind-the-scenes details of his rivalry with Milosevic, this book is a compelling chronicle of the road to peace in the Balkans.

The recent publication of Milan Panics memoirs provides an interesting perspective on Belgrades perception of the Bosnian war. . . .Milan Panics memoirs provide a perspective of an outsider who was briefly at the core of Serbian politics. . . .Panics memoirs are useful in assembling the various perspectives of different actors in the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. (Europe-Asia Studies)For Panian ambitious and practical man, primarily interested in democracy and the economic prosperity of the post-Communist Balkansthe greatest puzzle remains the Wests decision to ignore his efforts and proposals during the crucial years of the Yugoslav conflict. If the Brussels and Washington administrations had indeed immediately identified Miloevi as the one to blame, why was he allowed to stay in charge throughout the 1990s and orchestrate some of the worst atrocities in post-Second World War Europe? Was the Yugoslav case viewed as a good geopolitical experiment in the new post-Cold War context or as an excellent business opportunity for, lets speculate, arms manufacturers? With this in mind, Panis account is an invitation for additional analyses, either in the form of other balanced memoirs or well-sustained scholarly contributions. (Slavonic East European )As a young man, Milan Panic fought to free Yugoslavia from Nazi rule. Later in life, he fought to free Yugoslavia from the brutal dictatorship of Slobodan Milosevic. In between, he became an American citizen and built a multi-million-dollar global company. His exciting, action-filled life story embodies the American dream. (California Governor Jerry Brown)Milan Panic is one of the most courageous and committed individuals I have ever met. His life unfolds like a novel you cant put down. His inspirational story captures some of the most important events of our time. (U.S. Senator Birch Bayh)In this provocative book, the remarkable rise of Milan Panic from modest circumstances to inspired business leader and courageous public servant is told with verve and style. (James Doti, president, Chapman University)From the Inside FlapIn this remarkable memoir, Milan Panic tells the previously untold story of his attempts to oust Slobodan Milosevic and his battles with the U.S. State Department in an effort to bring peace to the Balkans during the Yugoslav Wars.A young cycling champion who fought the Nazi occupation in Yugoslavia with Titos partisans, Panic defected after World War II from his now-Communist country to start a new life in the United States. Only a few years later, as the founder and president of ICN Pharmaceuticals, he had become a wealthy businessman. But his greatest challenge still lay ahead. When the opportunity arose in 1992 to serve as prime minister of Yugoslavia, Panic accepted, eager to bring the success he had enjoyed back to his homeland. But in Belgrade, ancient enmities and suspicions festered, threatening to explode into bloody ethnic conflict. And even as Panic implored the West for support, he would have to outwit the machinations of a wily Serbian dictator, Slobodan Milosevic. Including behind-the-scenes details of his rivalry with Milosevic, this book is a compelling chronicle of the road to peace in the Balkans. Milan Panic, who was born in Belgrade in 1929, served as prime minister of Yugoslavia from 1992-1993. During his tenure, he became an important figure on the world stage with his pivotal participation in the London Conference on Yugoslavia in August 1992, his address to the United Nations General Assembly (the Speech of Peace) the following month, and his appearance before the parliament of the European Union in Brussels. 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