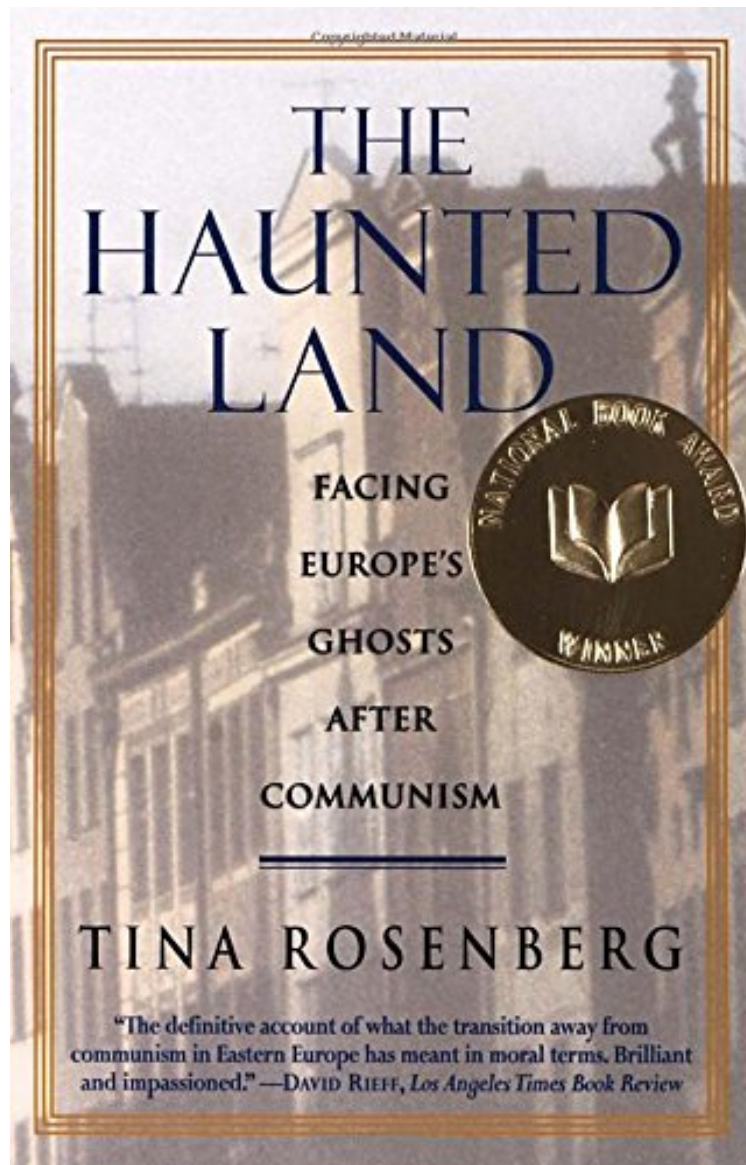


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Tina Rosenberg : The Haunted Land: Facing Europe's Ghosts After Communism before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Haunted Land: Facing Europe's Ghosts After Communism:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A book which is at once accessible and powerful By A music fan This is a powerful book. What Rosenberg has done is in many ways is to ask powerful questions and put those questions in stories which then strike to the core. Interestingly, Timothy Garton Ash, the great British journalist, has

powerful quote as a reviewer where he states the book is powerful than the more dense academic tomes. I could not agree more. What she has done (without the gift of linguistic help as other reviewers fairly make clear) is to expose the grey in trying to determine justice post a very oppressive regime. Her stories are accessible, powerful and very complex. She is not perfect, and she is in many ways not claiming to be. What she is though is a great journalist who asks great questions and dares to look past the most simple answers. This book is powerful because you cannot read even one single page without thinking what would I have done in that situation. You are forced to see the world of the former eastern European nations not through rose colored glasses (good students, bad communists), but by looking at the real people and the real decisions that they made. I love Garton Ash's work, and I have a good deal of his writing on Europe. He however has a tendency towards lionizing the rebels, whereas Rosenberg always looks at them for what they are. I think they each see truth and perhaps a different form of that truth. Her book is again a ringing testimony to the wisdom of our form of government and the blessings of this country. It also does though beg a question of how the war on terror will change our intelligence activities domestically. As with our athletes who seem 20 years behind the East German swimmers in their adoption of performance enhancing drugs, I hope our government has the wisdom to read and understand the lessons of books like these. A great and profound book in the packaging of a much easier to digest story. This and Stassiland (along with the movie *The Lives of Others*) makes a great Western view of what was east of the wall. Happy New Year to all. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Haunting to read it just now, with similar struggles resonating through Arab countries and the Ukraine. By Rescue America Thought-provoking very personal discussion of how individual citizens in 3 countries, Poland, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia, handled the challenges of decades of dictatorial rule in which many ordinary fellow citizens collaborated willingly or unwillingly, knowingly and eagerly or foot dragging or even unknowingly. How Poles responded to their individual assessment of the threat of a Soviet invasion certainly resonates with events in today's Ukraine. The struggles in all of these countries to emerge from the darkness and control of dictatorship into the unfamiliar blinding light of democracy also resonates with today's struggles in Arab countries. Also: a positive word for Citybooks@bellsouth.net, which sent a book that was in like new condition for a very good price. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Both countries denied its citizens good jobs if they opposed Communism. By Peter Langer I was born in Soviet-occupied East Germany. My family escaped in 11/1952 while Stalin was still in charge. My father was born in Bohemia in 1916, which became the Czech Republic. Both countries denied its citizens good jobs if they opposed Communism. The book covers how both countries handled those responsible for communist abuses after the collapse of communism in 1989. It was similar to how South Africa dealt with the abusers under apartheid by having them confess to their abuses, not by having mass trials. I recently visited both countries in 5/2015 for the first time.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning look at the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe

.com In three newly democratic countries in Eastern Europe (East Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland), communism's former victims and jailers are struggling to make sense of their history - and sometimes rewrite it. In this groundbreaking, stylishly reported book, a journalist travels across the battlefields of memory and asks: Who is guilty? How shall they be punished? And who is qualified to judge them in states where almost every citizen was an accomplice? Seeking the hard answers to these questions, Tina Rosenberg tells of conscience and complicity, courage and optimism. Winner of the National Book Award for Non-fiction. From Publishers Weekly MacArthur fellow Rosenberg's National Book Award-winning look at the uneasy transition from communism in eastern Europe. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Rosenberg, the first freelance journalist to receive a MacArthur "genius" grant, has written for *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Republic*, and *The New Yorker*; her first book--*Children of Cain: Violence and the Violent in Latin America* (1991)--was widely praised. In this study, Rosenberg investigates another kind of violence: the repression and coercion that were, until recently, an inescapable part of daily life for most citizens of Eastern Europe. Focusing on Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic and Slovakia), Germany, and Poland, Rosenberg humanizes her description of the aftermath of Communism's collapse with tales of three individuals: Rudolf Zúkal, a longtime Czech dissident, denounced in 1991 as a collaborator; Wojciech Jaruzelski, the general who headed Poland after the first Solidarity uprising; and Michael Schmidt, an East German border guard who was tried, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, for killing the last person who attempted to escape to the West. Rosenberg compares totalitarianism in Latin America and Eastern Europe, suggesting that trials and punishment are vital for Latin America's "regimes of criminals" but are clumsy tools at best in coming to terms with Eastern Europe's "criminal regimes," which drew most citizens into their operations. A provocative study of a critical component in building the world's newest democracies. Mary Carroll