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*Mother Teresa* John Benjamins Publishing

The fundamental contrast between convergent and divergent tendencies in the development of Balkan cultural identity can be seen as an important determinative both in the contradictory self-images of people in the Balkans and in the often biased perceptions of Balkan societies held by external observers, past and present. In bringing together case studies from such heterogeneous lines of research as linguistics, anthropology, political, literary and cultural history, each presenting insightful analyses of micro- as well as macro-level aspects of identity construction in the Balkans, this collection of essays provides a forum for the elucidation and critical evaluation of an intriguing paradox which continues to characterize the cultural situation in the Balkans and which, moreover, is of undeniable relevance for our understanding of recent political developments. As such, it also provides a window into the actual state of scholarly interest in the rich interdisciplinary field of Balkan studies. This book contains a selection of papers presented at the international conference «Developing Cultural Identity in the Balkans: Convergence vs. Divergence», organized by the Center for Southeast European Studies at Ghent University on 12 and 13 December 2003 in Ghent.

*Albanian Literature* Catapult

A New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice "Erotic, paranoiac and lightly fantastical." —The Wall Street Journal "Ismail Kadare's readers are astonished every year when the Nobel committee overlooks him. . . . A Girl in Exile, published in Albanian in 2009, may rekindle the worldwide hopes." —The New York Times Book Review During the bureaucratic machinery of Albania's 1945-1991 dictatorship, playwright Rudian Stefa is called in for questioning by the Party Committee. A girl—Linda B.—has been found dead, with a signed copy of his latest book in her possession. He soon learns that Linda's family, considered suspect, was exiled to a small town far from the capital. Under the influence of a paranoid regime, Rudian finds himself swept along on a surreal quest to discover what really happened to Linda B. "At a time when parts of the world are indulging nostalgia for communism, Kadare's novel confronts the infuriating impossibility of art in an autocratic, anti-individualist system." —The Washington Post "A Girl in Exile confirms Kadare to be the best writer at work today who remembers—almost aggressively so, refusing to forget—European totalitarianism." —The New Republic

*The Writer and the Dictatorship 1957-1990* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

This book is about cultural models that are considered units of analysis for an approach to culture overcoming the dichotomy between the individual and the collective. The genesis of the concept of cultural model is traced. A methodological trajectory that blends qualitative and quantitative techniques is outlined. A survey follows of the research about cultural models whose results generate a typology.

**A Girl in Exile** Bloomsbury Publishing

Professor Skendi, a native of Albania, traces the progress and setbacks of Albania's long struggle for national unity during this least-known period of its intricate history. He discusses the heritage of its people and examines in detail the developments that led to Albanian independence: national resistance to the decisions of the Congress of Berlin, later opposition to Turkey, and the struggle between the Albanians and the Young Turks. Consideration is given to such internal problems as geographic configuration, religious and political division, and to such external problems as Italo-Austrian rivalry, political interference from neighboring states, and the involvement of great powers. Originally published in 1967. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

*[Rebels](#), [Believers](#), [Survivors](#)* Scarecrow Press

There are many avenues for displaying political agendas, with a prominent one being literature. Through literature, the voices of political parties and ideals can enlighten those in the present, and can even be preserved for centuries to come. Ideological Messaging and the Role of Political Literature provides a detailed study of how contemporary political messages are portrayed and interpreted via the written word. Featuring relevant coverage on topics such as literary production, women in politics, identity, and travel politics, this publication is an in-depth analysis that is suitable for academicians, students, professionals, and researchers that are interested in discovering more about political messages and their effects on society. *[Ideological Messaging and the Role of Political Literature](#)* Routledge

This book is the result of a research project designed and carried out at the Department of Architecture, University of Florence. This research was based on the transfer of knowledge from members of the Albanian Diaspora in Italy (university students, young architects and researchers) to their home country. This unique process blazed a trail in the Albania-related studies by creating a methodology, which could be replicated not only in Albanian rural contexts, but also elsewhere. The book constitutes a structured tool for generating sustainable and socially inclusive territorial development processes in five lesser-known Albanian cultural sites. Their tangible and intangible cultural heritage was seen as a driving factor for triggering development processes aimed at improving the inhabitants' quality of life and strengthening local identity and social networks. Through concrete proposals and strategies, the book offers scenarios and solutions capable of enhancing the potential of each village and, at the same time, counteracting the effects of land abandonment that so often characterise them.

*[Five Albanian Villages](#)* Routledge

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*[Albanian Folktales and Legends](#)* Central European University Press

The tender plant of Albanian literature grew in a rocky soil. It was late to evolve and its development, indeed its very existence, was threatened in many periods. "Albanian Literature: A Short History" tells the story of the survival and growth of Albanian creative writing beginning with the earliest thirteenth century texts of Theodor of Shkodra, tracing the development of the modern literature of Buzuku, Budi and Bogdani, the incorporation of the Muslim influences of Frakulla and Kycyku and continuing with the works of Cajupi and Kadare during the reign of King Zog and the Hoxha administration. A unique book that illuminates an under-researched subject, "Albanian Literature" is an essential reference guide for all those interested in Balkan cultures, in comparative literature and in European cultural history in general.

*[Chief Pre-Shakespearean Dramas](#)* Routledge

..."a magical parable of love, death and the power of familial bonds."--Stephen Salisbury, New York Times Book Review

*[Tales from Old Shkodra](#)* I.B. Tauris

Lahuta e Malcis konsiderohet si kryevepra e At Gjergj Fishtës të cilën autori filloi të e shkruante nga vitit 1905 duke e përfunduar në vitin 1937."Lahuta e Malësisë", me 30 këngë, rreth 17.000 vargje është quajtur nga shumë studiues "Iliada" shqiptare, është vlerësuar si i vetmi epos kombëtar i letërsisë sonë, madje edhe si epos i Ballkanit. Si vepër epike që është, megjithatë "Lahuta e Malësisë" nuk ka një subjekt të mirëfilltë qendror, rreth të cilit të vërtiten ngjarjet, rrethanat, personazhet përfytyrimet. Nëse do të kërkonim një hero qendror të veprës, ai do të ishte heroi anonim, populli. Unitetin e veprës në të vërtetë, e krijon një personazh që, herë vihet në plan të parë, herë është i nënkuptuar. Është Fati i Shqipërisë, jo më me këtë emër si në poemat e tjera epike si "Skënderbeu i pafat" i Jeronim De Radës, "Historia e Skënderbeut" të Naim Frashërit etj. Këtu Fati i Shqipërisë qëndron prapa simbolit mitologjik "Ora e Shqipërisë". Dhe, sipas besimit shqiptar, rrotull kësaj ore, grupohen orët e fiseve, bajrakëve, trojeve, orët e shtëpive, së fundi, orët e çdo luftëtari, të çdo shqiptari. Këto krijojnë ansamblin më simpatik të personazheve në grupin e personazheve mitologjike dhe përgjithësisht në vepër meqë përcjellin edhe mesazhin madhor të mbijetesës së shqiptarit dhe të kombit të tij, pavarësisht nga befasitë më tragjike të çfarëdo kohe që mund të vijë. Në unitetin e veprës ndikojnë drejtpërdrejt edhe zanat, ndër të cilat njëra përcakton unitetin formësor të veprës. Kjo është Zana shqiptare që ka kuptimin e Muzës së "Iliadës" të Homerit. Në pikëpamje të rolit që luan në poemë, përbën binom me Orën e Shqipërisë. Në këtë grupim bëjnë pjesë edhe kuçedrat, dragonjtë, lugetërit, hijet etj., etj. Ngjarjet e poemës kanë një shtrirje kohore prej dy brezash njerëzore. Ato fillojnë më 1858, kur Mali i Zi i nxitur nga Cari i Rusisë, kërkon të zaptojë tokat tona. Filli i poemës mbaron kur është shpallur pavarësia e Shqipërisë dhe Konferenca e Londrës ka vendosur copëtimin përgjysmë të këtyre trojeve. Kobi, kështu ekziston në poemë, në të njëjtin binom me Fatin. Fishta bën njëfarë grupimi të këngëve, sipas kronologjisë historike të ngjarjeve. Kështu, kemi disa cikle këngësh, kemi ndërmjet tyre edhe këngë që qëndrojnë disi më vete, por që luajnë rolin e rrugëkalimit nga njëri cikël në tjetrin. Në pikëpamje të leximit të veprës ato përkohësisht e shkëputin lexuesin nga terreni historik real dhe e çojnë në sfera fantastike. Cikli që hap poemën është ai për Oso Kukën - pesë këngët e para. Ngjarjet vazhdojnë pothuaj njëzet vjet më vonë, të ndërmjetësuar nga këngët "Dervish Pasha" dhe "Kuvendi i Berlinit". Këto dy këngë japin atmosferën që ishte në dëm të fatit tonë kombëtar. Cikli vijues, që zë hapsirën më të madhe në poemë, është ai i Lidhjes Shqiptare të Prizrenit. I

vetmi personazh qendror i ngjarjeve të ciklit është nga pala armike, Mark Milani i Malit të Zi. Krahas tij, shfaqet nxitimthi figura e Krajl Nikollës. Cikli strukturohet në disa nëncikle.

**Botim i dytë** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

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**Genesis, Methods, and Experiences** Springer Science & Business Media

The most powerful and effective epic to have been written in Albanian for which no English translation exists. This is a unique resource for students and scholars of Balkan studies and comparative literature. "The Highland Lute" is the most powerful and influential epic to have been written in Albanian. Enormously popular when it appeared in the 1920s and 30s, it captivated the country with its vivid, archetypal characters and panoramic descriptions: the backdrop to Albania's historical battles for freedom and independence from the Turks and Montenegrins. It propelled its author, Gjergj Fishta, to universal recognition as the national poet of Albania until the Communists took power in 1944. On its first public recital in post-Communist Albania, 45 years later, many in the audience still knew parts by heart. Robert Elsie's masterful new translation, the first to appear in English, captures the spirit of the original and, accompanied by a new critical introduction, will introduce the poem to a new generation of admirers. *[History of the Literary Cultures of East-Central Europe](#)* Oxford University Press

When it was first published in the author's native country, THE PALACE OF DREAMS was immediately banned. The novel revolves around a secret ministry whose task is not just to spy on its citizens, but to collect and interpret their dreams. An entire nation's unconscious is thus tapped and meticulously laid bare in the form of images and symbols of the dreaming mind.

*[Kanuni i Lekë Dukagjinit](#)* IGI Global

Epic poem from Albanian author Gjergj Fishta. First of three volumes translated into English.

*[Convergence Vs. Divergence](#)* Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers

The Epics of Gilgamesh, Homer, Vergil, Shahnameh, are sources of our knowledge of religious beliefs. This epic is a welcome introduction to the spiritual world of the Albanians as they fought the crusades. The "Songs of the Frontier Warrior is the first English-language translation ever made of Albanian epic verse. As the product of a little-known culture and a difficult, rarely studied language, the Albanian epic has tended to remain in the shadow of the Serbo-Croatian, or more properly, Bosnian epic, with which it has undeniable affinities. This translation may thus be regarded as an initial attempt to rectify the imbalance and to give scholars and the reading public in general an opportunity to delve into the exotic world of the northern Albanian tribes. The present bilingual edition offers a broad selection of the best known songs. Also included are an introduction, a glossaries of terms and sources, and a selective bibliography.

*[antologji](#)* I.B. Tauris

Albania is not well known by outsiders; it was deliberately closed to the outside world during the communist era. Now it has thankfully become free again, its borders are open and it can be visited, and it is increasingly integrating with the rest of Europe and beyond. Unfortunately, Albania has had its share of problems in the post-communist era; it's a land of destitution and despair, thanks in part to the Albanian mafia, which has turned the country into one of blood-feuds, kalashnikovs, and eternal crises. Yet, Albania is, in essence, a European nation like any other and will soon, it is to be hoped, advance and take its proper place in Europe and the world. The second edition of the Historical Dictionary of Albania relates the history of this little-known country through a detailed chronology, an introduction, a bibliography, appendixes, and over 700 cross-referenced dictionary entries on significant persons, places, and events; institutions and organizations; and political, economic, social, cultural, and religious facets.

*[Ismail Kadare](#)* Peter Lang

Folktales are still very much alive in the mountains of Albania, a land of haunted history. They are recited in the evenings after a day's work or out in the fields, are learned by heart and pass, as if immortal, from one generation to the next. Whose imagination could not be captured by the cunning of the Scurfhead, by the demands of the Earthly Beauty, by the heroic feats of Muja and Halil or by the appearance of a fiery Kulshedra in the forest? Included in this collection are not only folktales but prose versions of some of the best-known Albanian legends (based on historical or mythological events and figures). The adventures of Muja and Halil and their band of mountain warriors are still told and indeed sung in epic verse in the northern Albanian mountains, and the exploits of the great Scanderbeg, the Albanian national hero who freed large parts of the country from Turkish rule in the fifteenth century, are recounted everywhere Albanians gather, as if events five centuries old had taken place yesterday.

*[Lahuta e Malcis](#)* Firenze University Press

Not everyone is cut out to be an entrepreneur. Many of us are happy to have a job, we just want a better job, one that fulfills us, makes us wealthy, and brings us satisfaction.Still, income is now permanently going down versus inflation for the average employee. Industry, knowledge, and management are all being outsourced cheaply to other countries or to technology. Many people mistakenly think that the solution is entrepreneurship. That "entrepreneurship is the pathway to riches". This is not true. Being an entrepreneur does have great upside but also it has a well-known rate of failure of 85%. There is no way to predict your way out of that 85%. 85% of ALL startups fail. The solution is to become a rich employee with the mindset and techniques described in this book. This is the first book ever to detail how one can become a The Rich Employee in our times. And there is more: companies in this new century will only succeed if they encourage their employees to develop a Rich Employee mindset. Written by the author of "The Choose Yourself Guide to Wealth" which USA Today has called "One of the 12 Best Business Books of All Time" and also

the author of WSJ and USA Today bestseller "Choose Yourself" which Forbes recently called one of the "Top Five Books Every Entrepreneur Must Read", this book gives you the tools to find satisfaction, meaning, and true wealth as a rich employee.

**Highland Lute** Complete Guides

In the 1920s and 1930s, the writers of Shkodra in northern Albania were profoundly aware of the misery around them, and it is perhaps the extreme diversity of their social environment which furthered their talents. They looked to the West and longed for a new, European Albania, yet they found

themselves in an archaic society, one so bound by the force of tradition and custom that progress was impossible. Their writings reflected and gave full expression to this dilemma. The present collection brings together a number of well-known short stories and prose sketches by two of the finest Albanian writers of the first half of the twentieth century: Ernest Koliqi and Migjeni. These two men of Shkodra, one raised as a Catholic and the other as Orthodox, could scarcely have been more different.

**Accessions List** Rowman & Littlefield

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