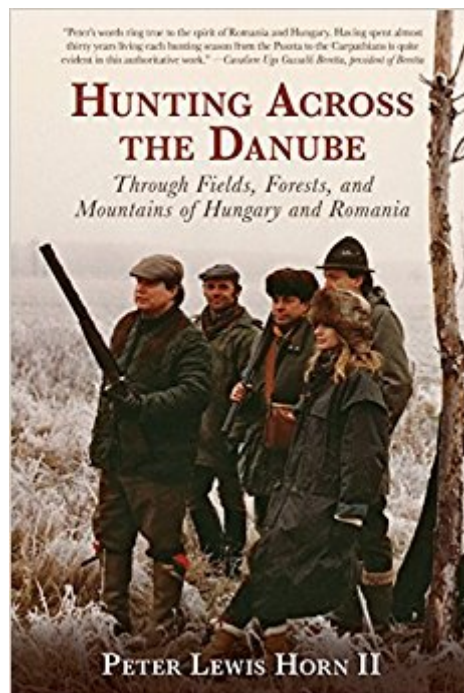




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Hunting Across The Danube: Through Fields, Forests, And Mountains Of Hungary And Romania



Synopsis

This is the first book written in English about two of Eastern Europe's premier hunting destinations. The book is animated by the author's desire to share this little-known sporting paradise with educated hunters. The chapters detail game he has hunted over the past three decades, including stag, boar, roebuck, bear, wolf, chamois, capercaillie, pheasants, mouflon sheep, and ducks in areas that regularly produce world-class trophies and yet remain unknown to even the most experienced hunters. The hunting culture and traditions of Romania and Hungary, which figured so prominently in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, profoundly influenced the development of European, and international, hunting. By sharing the latest facts about the finest hunting areas, hunting seasons, and firearms and equipment, the author hopes to awaken an appreciation for all the best that Hungary and Romania offer sportsmen. Skyhorse Publishing is proud to publish a broad range of books for hunters and firearms enthusiasts. We publish books about shotguns, rifles, handguns, target shooting, gun collecting, self-defense, archery, ammunition, knives, gunsmithing, gun repair, and wilderness survival. We publish books on deer hunting, big game hunting, small game hunting, wing shooting, turkey hunting, deer stands, duck blinds, bowhunting, wing shooting, hunting dogs, and more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to publishing books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked by other publishers and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Customer Reviews

Peter Lewis Horn II is an international hunter, outdoorsman, and conservationist. Since 1991, he has been the senior partner in Pannonvad, a Budapest company that has organized and led hunting trips across Hungary and Romania. Mr. Horn has hunted extensively in Hungary since 1985 and in Romania from the moment the country was reopened to sportsmen in 1990. Mr. Horn was the first American sportsman invited by the national government to hunt Romania's famed Timisoara region after Nicolae Ceaușescu's reign of terror ended in 1990. Mr. Horn formerly worked as professional hunter in Africa. He also was past president of Safari Club International's Conservation Fund. He is currently the vice president of Beretta USA's retail division and general manager of Beretta Gallery Expeditions, and the author of many articles and book chapters on hunting throughout the world. Mr. Horn is a member of the International Order of St. Hubertus and the order of St. Hubertus of Hungary. He lives in New York City.

A very well-written book about large-game hunting opportunities in modern-day Europe, especially in former 'Iron-Curtain' countries! Hunting opportunities in these steeped-in-hunting-traditions countries, differ significantly from ours in America, as do many of the species that are available for "harvesting". Such big game hunting opportunities, too, are not readily-available to most everyone as it is, for the most part, here in the United States. Availability and access to public lands, as well as private lands in the U.S. allows the vast majority of American citizens and visitors from other countries wonderful hunting opportunities to hunt freely, once basic hunting education requirements, firearms-purchasing requirements, and an individual state's hunting license/game-tags are purchased. It's definitely NOT that easy in Europe. ACCESS to land and hunting is strictly controlled in all European countries by land-owners, and securing access via 'invitation' or by fee-payment can be difficult and very expensive. An individual's firearms-type(s), caliber(s), quantities of ammunition in-possession, their licensing and use, as well as 'safe' home-storage too, is strictly regulated and varies from country to country, as does the strict requirements for applying-for and receiving a hunting-license. This book is about the excellent large-game hunting, though ..and the wonderful hunting traditions that still are found in Europe! Hunter's are hunters' no matter where we live, and WE share in common the tremendous love for the wild game which we pursue, as well as for ALL other wildlife which benefit from monies that come from the 'hunter's investment'A GREAT 'READ'!

Peter Horn takes you on the hunt!!! I felt the cool moist air against my chest as I quietly zipped up my fleece liner looking out over the rolling hills. With some trepidation I descended the high stand,

unsure if the near freezing night deposited some ice on the log ladder— as we entered the beautiful Hungarian forest and began our stalking, I sensed the musty bouquet of the noble red stag. All of those senses were overwhelmingly vibrant as I found myself nodding off stirring somewhere between asleep and fully awake. I had imagined being on a magnificent hunt in the deep woodlands of Hungary; I was taken there by the vivid prose in his book. A real joy to read.

What a great book! I read it in one sitting. The author, Peter Horn, makes you feel as if you are hunting in Eastern Europe with him. This book is not just sentences woven together, but a magnificent experience. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to not only learn about hunting but Hungary and Romania as well.

A very good read about opening up hunting in eastern Europe as the Iron Curtain was disintegrating.

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This is a brilliant book. From any perspective it fascinates. I bought it to read about the hunting in Hungary and Romania and I assure you it doesn't disappoint. Peter Horn brings the hunting expeditions to life as he recounts tale after tale of his and others' adventures. And it is a travelogue, opening to me a part of the world I know very little of and recent political history has contrived to keep wrapped in cottonwool so that in part it is still in a time warp. It all sounds magnificent and unspoilt and I can't wait to get there. And to top it all off, it is a history tale, Ceaucescu interwoven with Dracula and the fairy tales. I now feel I have experienced Little Red Riding Hood's Europe. Thank you Peter.

From 2005-2007, I was fortunate enough to serve as the U. S. Ambassador to Slovakia, a country for whom the Danube has exerted great historical influence. Yet it is away from the banks of the river, in, as Peter Horn suggests in the title to this very fine book, the fields, forests, and mountains, that I experienced the Slovak tradition and culture at its natural best. The boar, stag, roebuck, mouflon, and fowl deer hunts, both as organized social events or getaways on a slow diplomatic weekend, are my fondest memories of my service. And Peter Horn, in this wonderful collection of Eastern European hunting snippets, captures the magic perfectly. While the Austria-Hungarian empire is a thing of the past, the commonality of species and hunting ethic continues across the

region. As I read of a Romanian jelen (stag) hunt, I remembered my first stag in the beech forests near Banska Bystrica. And that wonderful thing we don't have here in the states, the summer hunt--primarily for roebuck. My hats off to Mr. Horn. At a minimum, he is partly responsible for prompting me for this summer's trek back for roebuck. Skip Vallee, U. S. Ambassador, retired.

I may be biased in that I've known Peter Horn for over 30 years and consider him one of my best friends, but I must admit that I've been greatly impressed by his book. Peter undoubtedly has hunted more in Eastern Europe than anyone who lives west of Germany, and I doubt that many from old Europe have his depth and breadth of experience hunting on the far side of the Danube. While Peter is a vastly experienced Hunter, from Africa to Alaska and Argentina, and while he is also a great storyteller, I was most impressed with the beauty with which he describes his adventures in the hunting opportunities in Eastern Europe. A non-Hunter will find this book fascinating. A sportsman will revel in it. I recommend without any reservations. Five-star on every level.

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