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Bora Cosic, born in 1932, joined forces with other avant-garde Serbian writers and artists in the mid-1950s. Today, he is widely considered one of the most important authors in the former Yugoslavia. In 2002, he was awarded the Prize for European Entente at the Leipzig Book Fair.

In early 2005, the Serbian author Bora Ćosić set out on a journey through former Yugoslavia. Having fled the country in the early nineties, he finds it full of new contradictions; piles of garbage tower in Croatia, towns still bear the scars of war. In Sarajevo, a tacit awareness of the siege years has fused with the present; he enters Belgrade as a native outsider.

Ćosić combines sensory perceptions with sharp-witted reflections, political criticism, and reminisces of a vibrant avante garde cultural scene, approaching the central question: how could such a catastrophe occur?