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This is the newest and most compelling of Michael Sinclair's novels of international espionage. It begins when Marlin Ness, a somber and cynical professor of history at Columbia University, arrives in Bucharest on a research project and by accident or design is drawn into both the current undercover efforts of a nation desperately trying to remain free under the looming threat of the Soviet at her

northern border and a mystery which began a century ago.

Ness discovers that the violent death of a young Scotswoman during the 1877 bombardment of the Danube Delta by the Russian Imperial Fleet is inextricably linked to present-day intrigues of Eastern Europe. In unraveling that ancient mystery, Ness becomes involved with a present mystery, beginning with a Rumanian woman named Elvira, ostensibly his guide. Their story moves across Europe to Scotland, to the Houses of Parliament (where an assassination takes place), and to a rousing climax in, of all places, the reading room of the British Museum. Ness moves ever more deeply into a web woven partly from secret historical intrigue and partly from the current struggle of two heroic women--one British, one Rumanian--to serve the cause of freedom in Rumania. It is a narrative of action, ideas, and mystery told with compelling skill by an author who is one of the true craftsmen in the field of international espionage fiction.

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