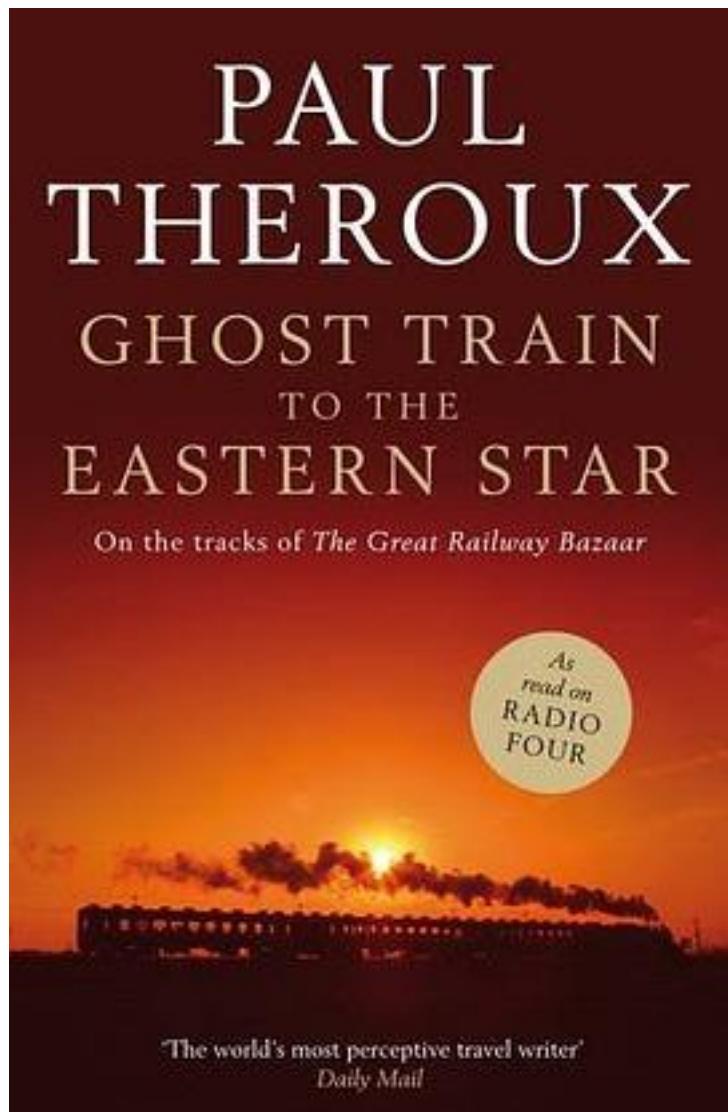


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Thirty years after the epic journey chronicled in his classic work *The Great Railway Bazaar*, the world's most acclaimed travel writer re-creates his 25,000-mile journey through eastern Europe, central Asia, the Indian subcontinent, China, Japan, and Siberia.

Half a lifetime ago, Paul Theroux virtually invented the modern travel narrative by recounting his grand tour by train through Asia. In the three decades since, the world he recorded in that book has undergone phenomenal change. The Soviet Union has collapsed and China has risen; India booms while Burma smothers under dictatorship; Vietnam flourishes in the aftermath of the havoc America was unleashing on it the last time Theroux passed through. And no one is better able to capture the texture, sights, smells, and sounds of that changing landscape than Theroux.

Theroux's odyssey takes him from eastern Europe, still hung-over from communism, through tense but thriving Turkey into the Caucasus, where Georgia limps back toward feudalism while its neighbor Azerbaijan revels in oil-fueled capitalism. Theroux is firsthand witness to it all, traveling as the locals do by stifling train, rattletrap bus, illicit taxi, and mud-caked foot encountering adventures only he could have: from the literary (sparring with the incisive Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk) to the dissolute (surviving a week-long bender on the Trans-Siberian Railroad). And wherever he goes, his omnivorous curiosity and unerring eye for detail never fail to inspire, enlighten, inform, and entertain.

PAUL THEROUX was born in Medford, Massachusetts, in 1941 and published his first novel, *Waldo*, in 1967. His fiction includes *The Mosquito Coast*, *My Secret History*, *My Other Life*, *Kowloon Tong*, *Blinding Light*, and most recently, *The Elephanta Suite*. His highly acclaimed travel books include *Riding the Iron Rooster*, *The Great Railway Bazaar*, *The Old Patagonian Express*, *Fresh Air Fiend*, and *Dark Star Safari*. He has been the guest editor of *The Best American Travel Writing* and is a frequent contributor to various magazines, including *The New Yorker*. He lives in Hawaii and on Cape Cod.

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