

# Vilnius: City of Strangers

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VILNIUS City of Strangers explores the history of Vilnius, from its legendary beginnings in the fourteenth century to the twentieth century dramas of wars, revolutions and massacres, through the insightful impressions of foreign travelers. Napoleon, Dostoyevsky, Stendhal, Tolstoy, Döblin, Forster, Bakhtin, and Brodsky; these voices – among others equally compelling, though lesser known – reveal essential meanings of Europe in their narratives of encounter with the threshold city. Laimonas Briedis has woven their letters, diaries, utterances and reflections into a riveting and intimate story exhibiting a deep understanding of the Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and German identities of the place, as well as its centrality in European Jewish culture. This book is a veritable hall of mirrors, which yields an illuminating vision of Vilnius and an exceptional window on Europe.

“...in Laimonas Briedis's subtle and evocative book ...Vanished civilisations and lost empires leave a city stalked by horror and steeped in wonder.” THE ECONOMIST

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Laimonas Briedis is a native of Vilnius, Lithuania, but currently makes his home in Vancouver, Canada. He holds a doctoral degree in human geography from the University of British Columbia and did his postdoctoral research in the History Dept. of the University of Toronto.

His Book, Vilnius, City of Strangers has received glowing reviews across the English speaking world and is a perennial non-fiction best seller in Lithuania (both in the original English and in the Lithuanian translation.) having been reprinted 5 times.

Briedis is a frequent teacher at the Summer Literary Seminar in Vilnius initiated by Concordia University (of Montreal), and has just completed a major project on digitally mapping the literary history of Vilnius in connection with Vilnius University.

His research and writings have consistently focused on the complex fabric of Lithuanian history in relation to Europe and the world; linking insiders and outsiders, recent years and the deep past, and a multitude of religions and language groups. He has tracked the various diasporas of Lithuania across Europe and North America and as far beyond as Jerusalem and Shanghai.

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## 书评

《维尔纽斯传》是中国外文局新星出版社“丝路百城传”丛书的城市传记之一。“丝路百城传”丛书通过为“一带一路”上的名城立传，反映“一带一路”深厚的历史人文底蕴和民意基础，增进丝路国家之间互信友好，推动文明互鉴、民心相通。这些城市传记，既各自独立成体，亦多元互动...

带有俄式风情的哈尔滨红肠，以其做法与独特的味道，一直占领着熟食市场的一席之地。“哈肉联厂”经过一百多年的经营，早已驰名中外。实际上，哈尔滨红肠是从俄罗斯引进中国的，它的真正诞生地是欧洲东北部的一个小国家——立陶宛。这个欧洲国家的首都都有多个名字 提到立陶宛就...

我作为译者针对某些人的书评给予一一的解释和说明吧。很多的图书前言里多少会有一些谦辞，诸如水平不高，敬请读者指正，或者写作时间不足，难免有舛误之处等等。这些谦辞其实对于愿意静心下来读书的朋友而言，其实都是不必待言的。实际上，每一部作品都会有这样或者那样的遗憾...

书里的内容比较散，若是当作维尔纽斯的传记来看的话几乎看不到该城市的要素。虽然配了一些不清不楚的插图和地图，但不仅无法了解这座城市的历史，也无法明了这座城市的布局。对引用内容的布局也很混乱，有的调了字体摘出来，有的放在正文里凑字数，看着像一堆笔记合集。其实目...

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