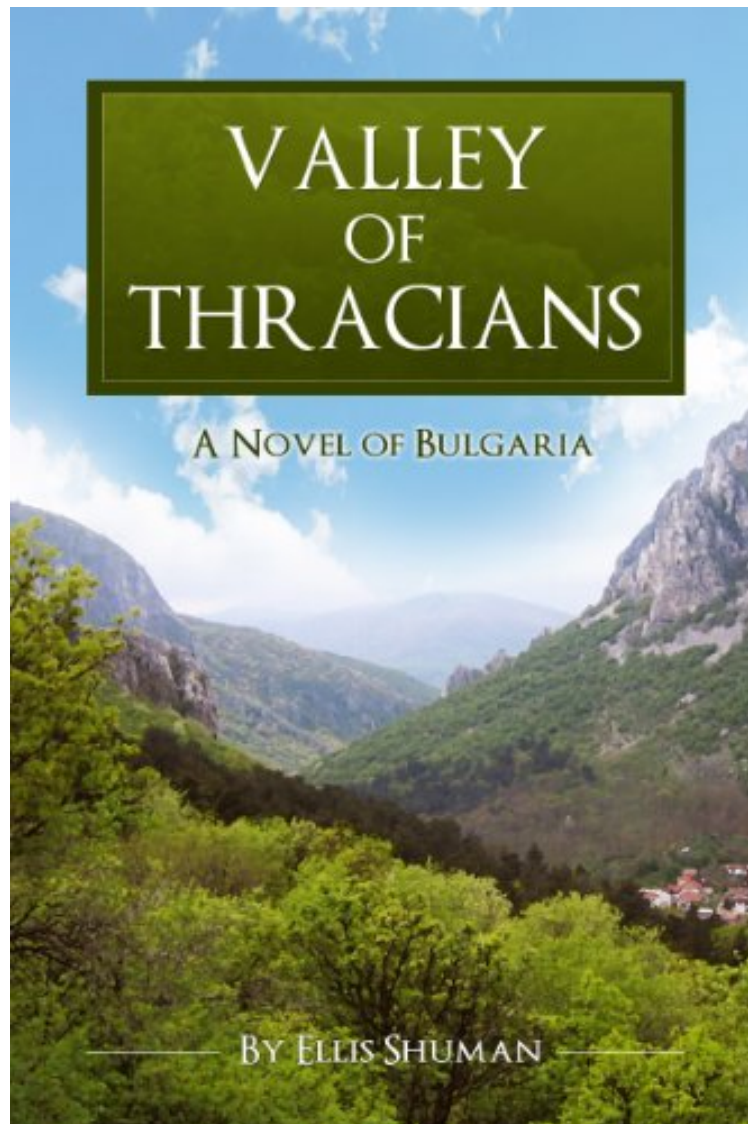


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unusual settingVon StorytellerEllis Shuman's Story takes us to Bulgaria where retired literature Professor Simoan Matthews tries to find his grandson who disappeared three years ago.I decided to read the book because I have travelled to many Eastern European countries and I liked the setting. And in that respect I wasn't disappointed. The book is almost like a

travel guide and tells you a lot about the history of the country and describes points of interest. What I struggled more with was the adventure-thriller part of the book. Because what starts out as the quest of an old man (he is described quite well) turns more and more into a crime story with unconvincing sudden twists and turns. Too many coincidences seem constructed. Still: If you like to read about Eastern Europe this is a nice book, just don't question too much the plausibility of the crime story part.

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