



The Investigator By Dragan Velikić

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**Winner of the 2015 Nin Award,
the most prestigious literary prize in Serbia**

The news of his mother's death finds the writer in Budapest and prompts the opening of an old black box of family mementos. Inevitably, this leads to an unravelling of multi-layered stories and an investigation into everyday lives and times that no longer exists. *The Investigator* contains everything that has made the author so successful in his homeland: a perfect sense for detail, linguistic precision, a brilliantly polished style. While the novel starts as the search for a lost mother, it soon becomes a story about a country and a people who have passed; an elegy for Yugoslavia as well as a family.

Reviews from the French edition:

“...a breath-taking, often painful, immersion in the history of the Balkans in the 20th century, notably that of Istria where the writer grew up.”

(Mireille Descombes, Le Temps Weekend)

“This poetic novel combines intimate reflections, historical reality and collective memory, drawing a moving, political, social and geographic landscape. With a perfect feeling for detail, Dragan Velikić orchestrates a meaningful polyphony marked by a brilliant style.”

(Le Courrier des Balkans)



Dragan Velikić is a multi-award-winning writer and journalist from Serbia. After graduation, he became the publishing editor of Radio B 92 and has written for all the major national newspapers. From 2005 to 2009, he was the Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Austria and now lives in Belgrade working as a freelance writer. His novels include *Via Pula* (1988 – Miloš Crnjanski Award), *Astragan* (1991), *Hamsin 51* (1993), *The North Wall* (1995 – Borislav Pekić Fund scholarship), *Dante's Square* (1997), *The Bremen Case* (2001), *The Domaševski Dossier* (2003), *The Russian Window* (2007 – Nin Award for the best novel of the year, the "Meša Selimović" Award for the best book of the year, the Central European Prize for Literature), *Bonavia* (2012), *The Coroner* (2015 – the "Kočić's Feather" Award, the Nin Award for the best novel of the year, The Wittal Award).