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A dozen-plus examples from European history constitute this ruminative disquisition on the impermanence of polities. Struck by popular amnesia about the existence of his selections, some of which endured for centuries (although one, the Republic of Carpatho-Ukraine, lived but one day), Davies, from a traveler's viewpoint, describes the contemporary appearance of each former state's territory or principal city, then applies engrossing clarity to the history of its origin, ascent, and decline. Two states en route to expiration, Prussia and Savoy, left traces in contemporary Germany and Italy, but the rest are gone, submerged by dynastic politics, as were the duchy of Burgundy and the kingdom of Aragon, or hacked away and conquered by aggressive neighbors, as was the Polish-Lithuanian commonwealth. Despite the subject of extinction, pessimism does not pervade Davies' accounts, which detect a persistence of popular memory about each vanished state, encouraging advocates for its revival, as occurred in the cases of Poland and Lithuania. Having current relevance especially to the UK and Montenegro, Davies' fascinating work harbors insights and discoveries for avid history readers. --Gilbert Taylor

Review

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throws down is bejeweled. His literary gifts and his capacity for what he nicely calls 'imaginative sympathy' are stretched to their limits by this challenging project. . . . Yet Davies succeeds, and it is quite a success."

— **Timothy Snyder, *The Guardian (London)***

About the Author

Norman Davies is the bestselling author of several acclaimed books, including *Europe: A History*; *Rising '44: The Battle for Warsaw*; and *No Simple Victory: World War II in Europe, 1939–1945*. He lives in Oxford, England, and Cracow, Poland.

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