

Danube River Cruising

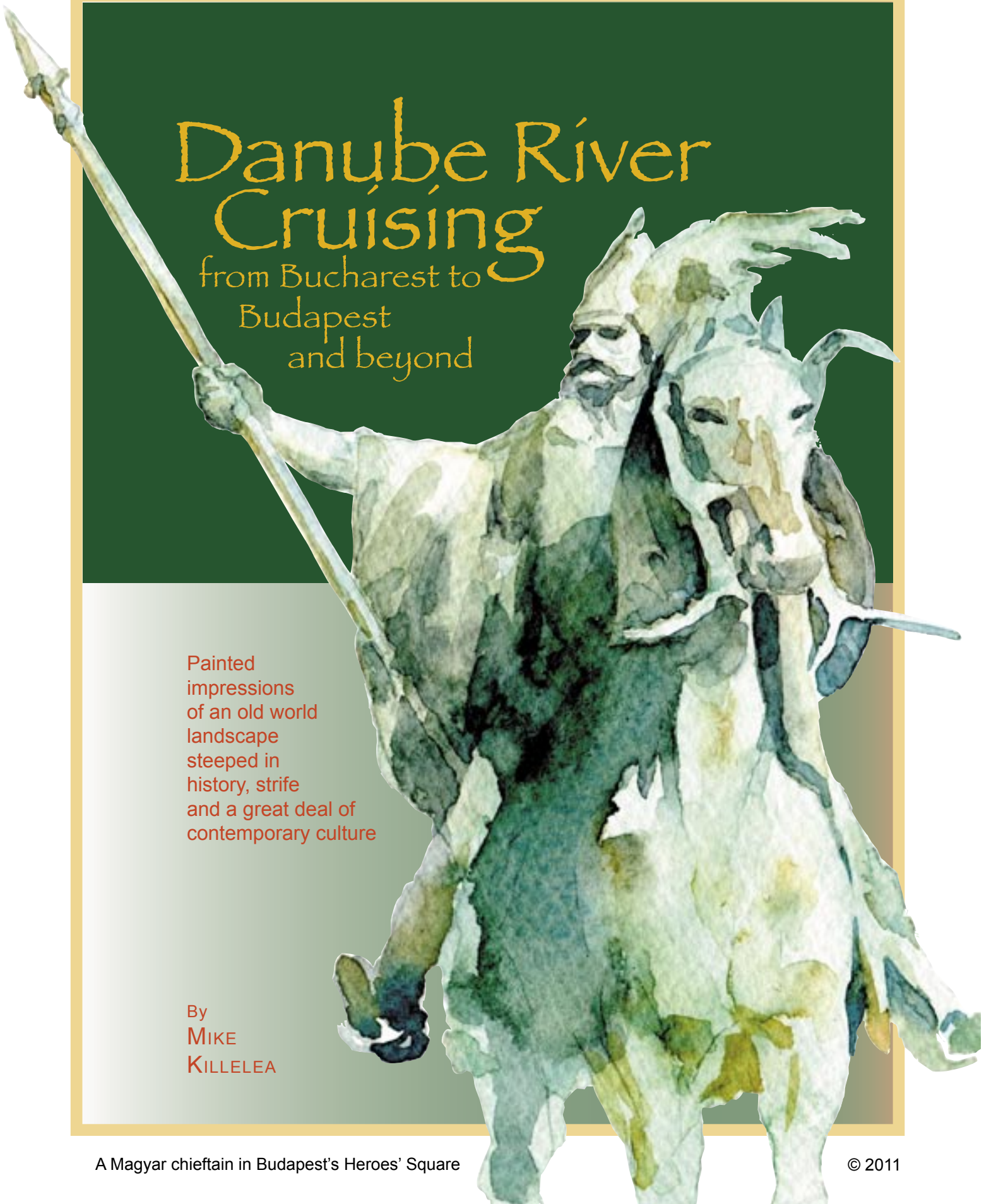
from Bucharest to
Budapest
and beyond

Painted
impressions
of an old world
landscape
steeped in
history, strife
and a great deal of
contemporary culture

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A Magyar chieftain in Budapest's Heroes' Square

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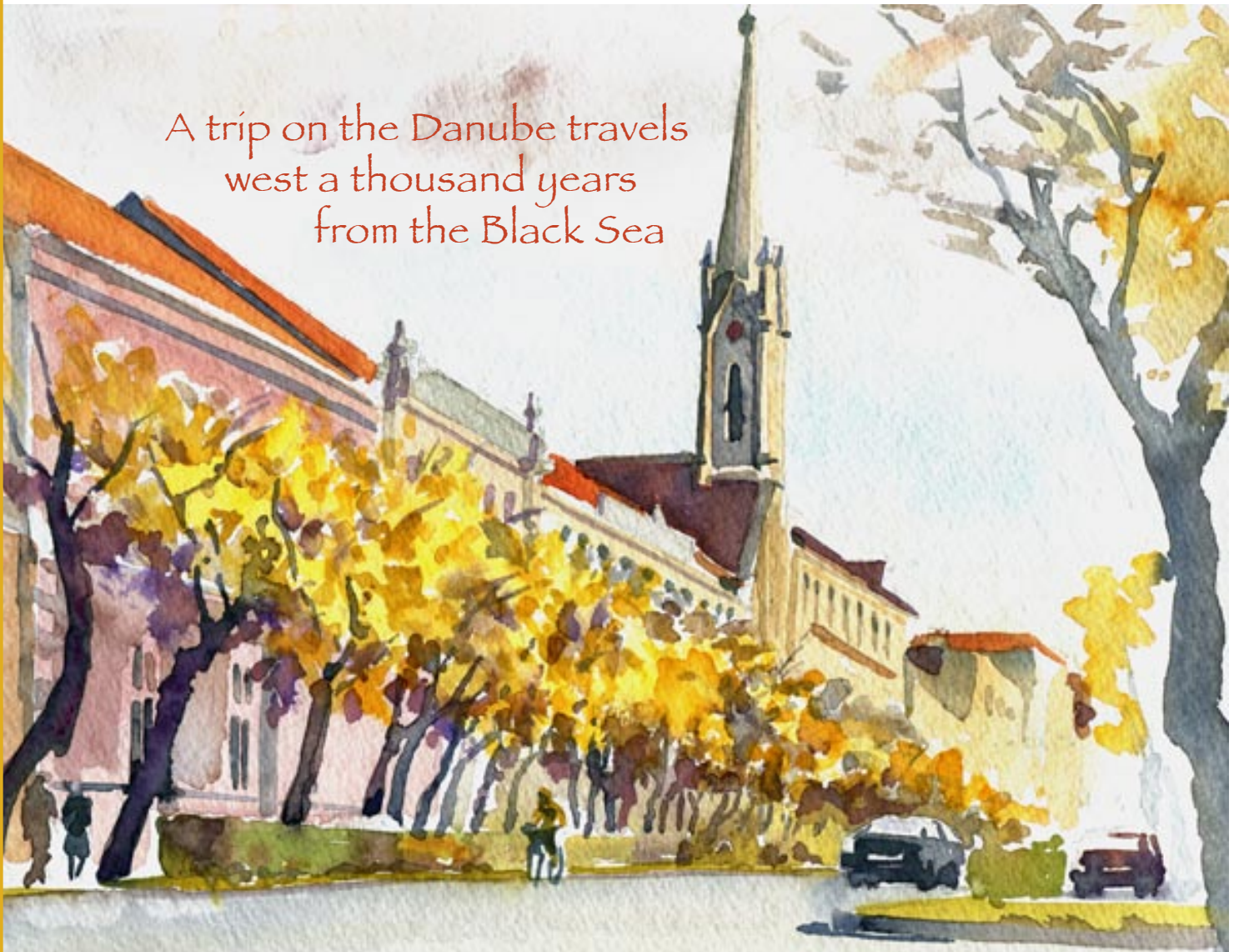




Varna, *Bulgaria*, a tired Soviet era resort city, squats at the shore of the Black Sea (which isn't black).



Belgrade, *Serbia* has colorful buses, but a legacy of ethnic tension and Soviet oppression stains their spirit.



A trip on the Danube travels
west a thousand years
from the Black Sea

Today, *Kalosca, Hungary* is a quiet and picturesque little town on the Danube, surrounded by privatized farms.



Budapest, Hungary

like many other lively European cities, manages to balance elegance with a stormy past. Parliament buildings (above) glow in the setting sun, while the beautiful Chain Bridge (right) spans the Danube between the cities of Buda and Pest.





Few cities can match the baroque culture or statuary in *Prague, Czech Republic*. A monument to plague victims steeps in a misty rain outside St. Nicholas Church in Malostranské Square. Mozart played here often and the walls somehow still reverberate with the echoes of his music.



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