

Editor's Foreword

This collection of essays celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. It does so by bringing together a wide range of views on the origins, events and consequences of the uprising. While some of the contributors offer perspectives gained from personal involvement in the events, others try to grapple, from different vantage points and levels of analysis, with some of the historical questions surrounding the Revolution. The papers in the collection represent their authors' personal tribute to the memory of an event which made an indelible impact on the lives and beliefs of a great many people in Hungary and elsewhere in the world. But the volume does more than honour an anniversary: by offering an unrestricted discussion of Hungarian affairs, it carries on in the Revolution's spirit and strives to embody its demand for the free exchange of ideas.

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