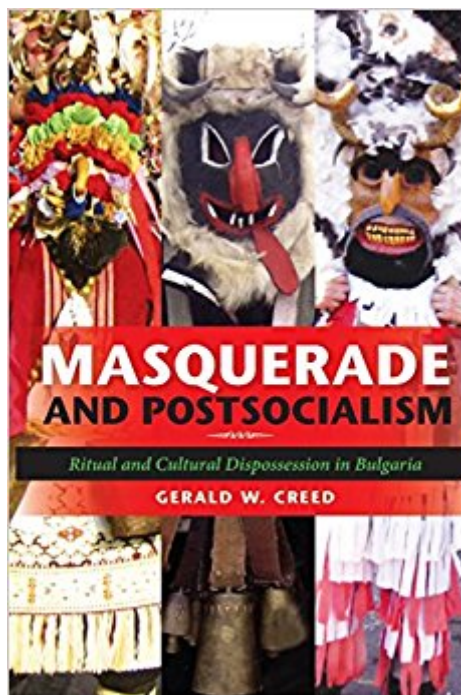




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Gerald W. Creed analyzes contemporary mumming rituals in rural Bulgaria for what they reveal about life after socialism and the current state of postsocialist studies. Mumming rituals have flourished in the post-Soviet era. Elaborately costumed dancers go from house to house demanding sustenance and bestowing blessings. Through the analysis of these rites, Creed critiques key themes in postsocialist studies, including understandings of civil society and democracy, gender and sexuality, autonomy and community, and ethnicity and nationalism. He argues that these events reveal indigenous cultural resources that could have been used both practically and intellectually to ease the postsocialist reconstruction of Bulgarian society, but were not.

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Very interesting, enlightening and educational documentation of a cultural ritual that spans generations of Bulgarians and survived during communism and post communism.

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Masquerade and Postsocialism is a thoughtful and colorful investigation of the kukeri tradition (i.e. mummers) of Bulgaria. Written by a top rate scholar and one of the first U.S.-based anthropologists of Bulgaria (who also did fieldwork in the country during the late communist era for his first book, *Domesticating Revolution*), this book is an insightful look into local cultural practices and how they are shaped by larger political and economic realities. Highly recommended!

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