

Honest Publishing Presents *The Wooden Tongue Speaks*

The Wooden Tongue Speaks is a collection of short stories and poetry set in post-Ceausescu and post-Cold War Romania that takes readers on a journey through the author's home town of Braila in the east of the country. Social, religious and political issues are explored through an array of colourful characters and narratives focusing on the newly, supposedly liberated world.

Himself an exiled immigrant, Tiganov shines an insightful light on the search for a better life from an Eastern European perspective: the opportunities and the pitfalls, the pains suffered, the euphoric hope and optimism, the naivety and the greed.

In Tiganov's work, story text is purposely broken into individual lines usually seen in poetry, to persuade readers to pause and think about what they are reading. The author told Honest Publishing how he aims to bring his unique brand of stories and poems to a wider audience: "I wish to encourage people to slow down and to reflect on what they are reading. It's a hurried world. Often there is little time for anything worthwhile."

The book has gained plaudits for its frank and often exposing warts-and-all look at Romanian life, and its dark undercurrent of wit that cuts to the very heart of the country's culture: "A mature book from a young author, whose writing already carries the fingerprints of a personal style with powerful lyrical accents", says Helena Drysdale, author of *Looking for George*.

The Wooden Tongue Speaks is available now in paperback from Amazon, in Kindle format, or in ePub format from www.honestpublishing.com.

ABOUT BOGDAN TIGANOV: Bogdan Tiganov was born in Braila, Romania, 1981. There he attended the Nicolai Balcescu School of Music at the age of seven, learning to play piano as well as composing. At the age of 11 he was exiled with his family to London, UK, where he wrote and illustrated his first book at the age of just 14. His writing credits include short stories and poems that have appeared in magazines and periodicals worldwide, such as *Exiled Ink!*, *Parmentier*, *Planet*, *Delivered*, *Krax* and *Bright Journals*.

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