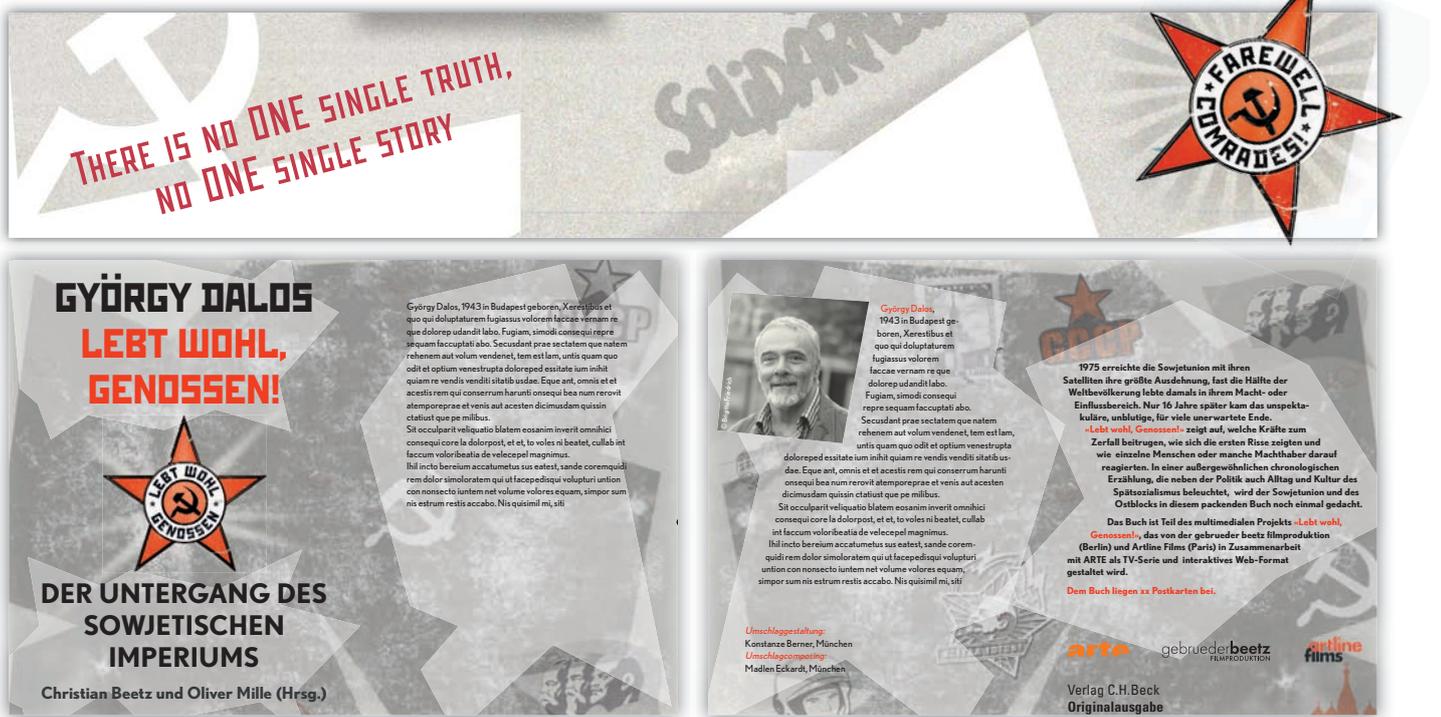


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## Farewell Comrades! Book

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November 28th, 1989 the communist government in Prague resigns and a cheering crowd puts up a banner at the Prague TV Tower carrying the slogan: "Poland – 10 years, Hungary – 10 month, Germany – 10 weeks, Czechoslovakia – 10 days." The slogan would soon get supplemented: "Romania – 10 hours".

This was the timeline of the fall of the Iron Curtain and the end of the Soviet empire. It was a very unspectacular end. Mikhail Gorbachev declared the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the end of the communist governance in December 1991. Communism was not destroyed from the outside, it disintegrated from inside. It was not overwhelmed by foreign powers, it imploded and collapsed. No great armies, no invasion by NATO-troops or American missiles were necessary to defeat it, only the strength and the belief of the ones communism was supposed to bring happiness to. The book shows which powers lead to the collapse, how the cracks in the system got visible and how citizens and state powers reacted to it. In an exceptional chronological narration the Soviet Union and the Eastern Bloc are remembered, not only shedding light on the political developments, but also on everyday life and culture in late socialism.

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