



Mirela Roznoveanu's *Life On the Run* is both a haunting novel and an essential historical and human document.

As a novel, it captures the visceral experience of immigration and exile like no other book, fiction or nonfiction. It is fascinating to read that to lose one's mother tongue is to suffer the amputation of a vital organ, and that adapting to a strange culture changes the entire body. Using a light touch of magical realism, Roznoveanu vividly evokes the ancient Romanian culture she comes from — rich with magic, portent, and enigma — and its poisoning by Communism. She also gives us a fresh view of the dynamic, jarring culture of America, which both attracts and punishes the protagonist, infusing her body with a strange energy.

As a document, this novel incorporates the author's journals from the period immediately following Romania's 1989 "revolution" — better termed an internecline coup d'état. — By preserving and publishing this record, Roznoveanu has saved from oblivion the struggle of democratic activists, artists, and journalists whose hopes for a free Romania surged with Ceausescu's fall but were brutally crushed. *Life on the Run* was suppressed in Romania, and little is known in the West of this critical period in which ruling Communists changed their skin without ever releasing their grip on power. Scholarly studies might reach few, but this novel/memoir brings that human tragedy to life. Roznoveanu lived it, and still lives its consequences — as, unknowingly, do we all. Annie Gottlieb

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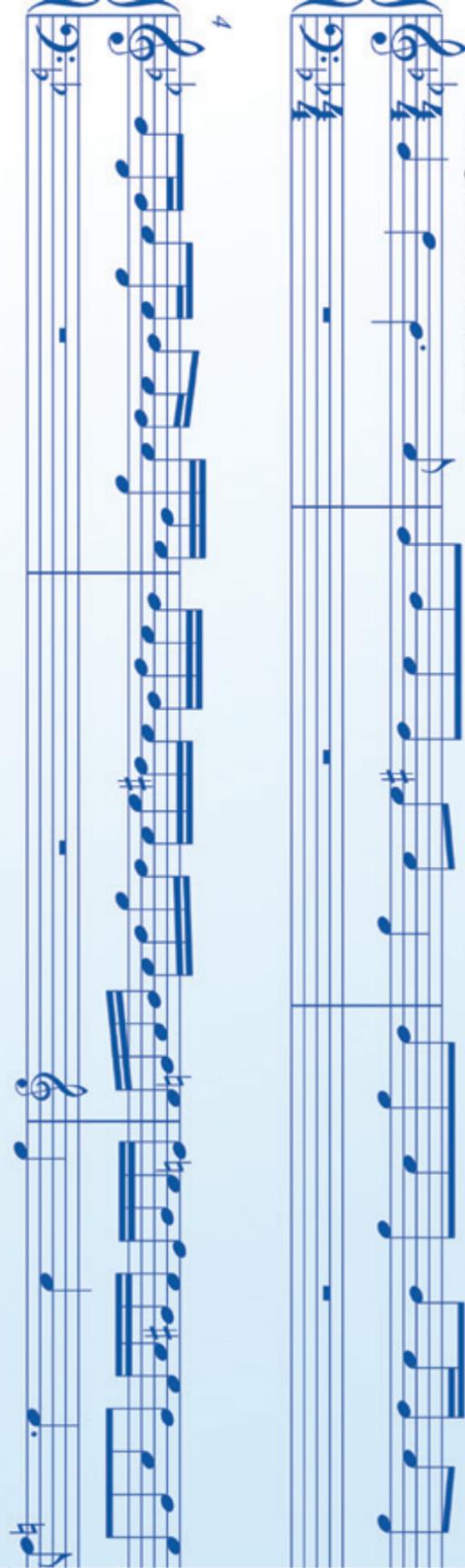
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