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BÉLA FEHÉR: Episodes from the Life of a Mole Hunter

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Name: Gyula Ecsedi.

Status: ex-defector to the West, fresh back to the country.

Profession: mole hunter.

He travels around with his trailer, and whenever so commissioned, smokes out the harmful little beasts burrowing under the lawn.

As his fiftieth birthday is coming up, he would like to settle down. He is looking for an answer while he is stuck between his father's "socialist" world and post-communist Hungary.

He recalls his weird and colourful life: images of strange customers, Hungarians rich and penniless, "Department III/3" denunciator fathers, the defection, the bright city of Paris, detergent-smelling Berber women, a lesbian wife, mafiosi and an albino mole whirl around in a wild dance of memories.

A highly enjoyable novel of unorthodox yet very well readable structure, Béla Fehér's story bounces between past and present and connects the dots from which appears Gyula Ecsedi's adventurous life and his struggle to finally find a home in his homeland.

Béla Fehér

Béla Fehér was born in the East-Hungarian city of Debrecen, in 1949. He has been a journalist and a columnist for the best-known daily newspapers.



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Episodes from the Life of a Mole Hunter is his fifth book published by Magvető

"Good God! What's this broad doing here?"

"Rhekkai" – said Numa in a fluttering voice. She closed her eyes and repeated. "Rhekkai."

"What does she say?"

"She loves you" – Nashida spread her arms and for a second, this gesture made her breasts spill out of her gown.

Ödön Pomázi, the Hungarian capitalist couldn't have come over that night even if he had wanted to. He was no longer alive. He was lying in the bushes behind Aszófő railway station with three bullets in the head.

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