

Edit Engel: The Viennese Interpreter

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Vienna is the first stage of the journey to the promising life in Western Europe for many people in Eastern Europe, who cross the border opened at the Lake Fertő. But most of them run out of money soon and count on the help of the charitable organizations and Austria. These people, who were decent citizens in their mother country but joined to the criminal immigrants, need an interpreter to communicate with the authorities in Vienna. The protagonist of the novel, a woman who speaks six languages and is a refugee from Transylvania, has to deal with problems in her private life, too.