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PREFACE

This work offers neither a chronological narrative of recent Yugoslav history nor a diagrammatic analysis of Yugoslav political institutions. Rather, it is an exercise in interpretation, in which I have tried to cross the distance between theory and practice in Yugoslav socialism and to speculate on alternative resolutions to the problems involved. Because much of my research was based on interviews and conversations with, as well as observations of, ordinary Yugoslavs, I wish to acknowledge my debt to the ten Belgrade families and to the many other Yugoslav friends and colleagues who helped me during my year in Yugoslavia by opening up themselves and their society to me. Even though my conclusions may differ from many of theirs, I hope that I have presented their views fairly.

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