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A city between two worlds

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SYNOPSIS

The unfettered energy of the fashion, music and art scene of this city captures our attention in the same way as news of its political new beginnings or its explosive growth as an economic power. It appears that the metropolis of Istanbul, with its population of 10 million, will soon influence our lives just as much as the world's other great cities, from Paris to New York. But how can we find out more about the city from afar; this city which remains such a mystery to us?

This book, with text and photographs, provides a modern form of rapprochement. The 13 reportages by the journalist and Istanbul correspondent allow a tangible and comprehensive kaleidoscope to emerge. The photographs, which were taken exclusively for the book, portray vividly the atmosphere of a uniquely beautiful and picturesque city. Detailed address lists, glossaries and an event calendar provide all necessary information.

This is a new type of book for the modern traveller; one who is as interested in politics and economics as in lifestyle and culture, and will find this book provides a vivid and substantive approach of the finest quality.

Biographies

Kai Strittmatter is a foreign correspondent with the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Following his studies, including his time at the Journalistenschule in Munich, he started out on the foreign affairs desk at the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* in 1994. He was the China correspondent from 1997 until 2005, and since then has been living in Istanbul as the paper's Turkey correspondent.

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