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If you want to know more about Romanians and their country, the voices in *Times New Romanian* make for an enjoyable and lively read. Inspired by Studs Terkel and Tony Parker, Nigel used their oral history style and his own experience in Romania to guide him in recording these interviews.

NIGEL SHAKESPEAR spent the best part of ten years in Romania, travelling throughout the country. Most of that time he worked with the government to improve conditions for the Roma. His interviews with the diverse cast of characters found in this book helped him develop a deeper appreciation of Romania and Romanians.

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