NICK HUNT In Paddy's Footsteps

Seventy-eight years to the day after Patrick Leigh Fermor began his epic walk across Europe, writer and storyteller Nick Hunt set out to follow in his footsteps. Over eight months and 2,500 miles of walking he retraced Paddy's 1933-34 route through Holland, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey, on a quest to discover how war, communism, industrialisation and globalisation had altered the continent's landscapes and cultures—and, often surprisingly, in what ways they had stayed the same. This is a description of that journey, followed by an extract from the Bulgarian section of the book - the post-development *concrete coastline* that stretches down the Black Sea - as Hunt approached the Turkish border, and his final destination.