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## A load of fun: these stories are dripping with dark humor and morbid wit.

One morning a man happens upon a newspaper ad in which someone – now that the free market has found its way to Bulgaria – offers services as an executioner. The man is curious. After all, 50 USD aren't that much for a once in a lifetime experience, even if it ends in death. Then there's Viktorija, who not only loses her heart, but also her head. What starts as an online romance ends up in a box in the fridge. ... By the way: what do you do in Bulgaria when the fridge is as empty as your stomach? No problem, as long as Grandpa is still around. ... That's what a large family is for, isn't it? Don't be surprised, a lot of things are different in Bulgaria, but not everything is bad. This is what these stories by Alex Popov are about, delightfully told and compiled in this book. Where the f...

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