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Dear friends of Hotel Gračanica,

You may have heard the fabulous Roma musicians Djimi and Ersad at our Sunday brunch. They are now preparing to record a cd with their songs, all composed and - except one - written by Djimi. The Swiss Embassy has granted a contribution of 4000 € for the production of the cd and we have received a private donation of 500 €, but we need minimum 1230 € more. If you are interested to contribute, please contact us. As the project is administered by the NGO "Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians", which has public benefit status, donations by Kosovo residents may be tax-deductable.

You'll find more information about the musicians, links to samples of their music and the budget for the production of the cd in the attached document.



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From 9 September 2:30pm until 13 September 1:30pm, we will have a closed event at the hotel. We will therefore unfortunately not be able to accept any external guests during this period, and our Sunday brunch on 13 September is cancelled.

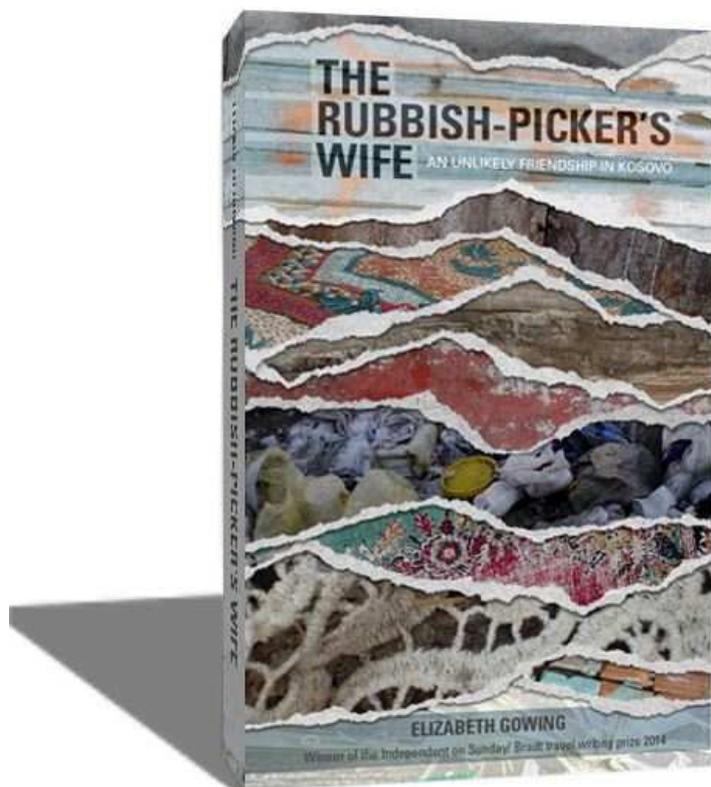
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If you missed our **making of ajvar** last year, there is another chance this year, from 14 to 20 September. You'll have the opportunity to see how ajvar is prepared, learn to do it yourself and buy some.





On Saturday October 3rd at 5pm, Elizabeth Gowing will read from her new book "The Rubbish-Picker's Wife". Mark the date!



'Compelling and colourful' - Sophie Lam, The Independent

'A wonderful writer about Prishtina' - Matthew Parris

This is a true story of living and learning - being confused and comforted - with the excluded Ashkali people of Kosovo; an account of the challenges and delights of what happens when you find your community but it's a long way from home.

Hatemja, a rubbish-picker's wife, lives in the poorest community in the poorest country in Europe. When Elizabeth Gowing is befriended by her, the women learn with, from and about one another. How can you find the best rubbish pastures for scavenging? How can you free children to go to school rather than to go out begging? How do you then convince the local school to accept them? Can mayonnaise deal with headlice? How best to teach the 36 letters of the Albanian alphabet? How would Facebook help evacuate a family from a rat-infested hovel? How do you make baklava? And through it all, how do you maintain a precious friendship that's helped you find out the best you can be?

By then, we should also have copies of the book for sale at the hotel. For more info about the book s. <http://www.rubbishpickerswife.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/rubbishpickerswife>.

Best regards,

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