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About the Author

Slavenka Drakulic was born in Croatia. Her three novels and three non-fiction titles have been translated into many major European languages.

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