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Among the several available general histories of the region in the postwar period, one of the most illuminating works is Ivan T. Berend, Central and Eastern Europe, 1945–1999: Return from the Periphery to the Periphery (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).


While several German-language books were published for the fiftieth anniversary in 2003, the best documentary coverage and recent history of the 1956 Berlin uprising, covering the Bulgarian and Czechoslovak revolts as well, is Christian P. Östergaard (ed.), Uprising in East Germany 1953: The Cold War, the German Question, and the First Major Uprising behind the Iron Curtain (Budapest and New York: Central European University Press, 2007).


The 1956 Hungarian revolution is one of the most extensively covered Cold War topics. Several hundred books have been published on that event since 1956, and many archive-based volumes and publications have appeared since 1980, mostly in Hungarian. For a full bibliography, see www.ttv.hu. Among the most important English-language studies are György Lázár, János M. Bak, and Lyman H. Legers (eds.), The Hungarian Revolution of 1956: Reform, Revolt and Repression, 1955–1956 (New York: Longman, 1990); Csaba Bekessy, The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and World Politics, CWIHP Working Paper No. 16 (Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center, 1996); the first archive-based comprehensive study of the international context of the 1956 revolution. A combination of archive-based essays by