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Selection of books:

- *The Commonness of Evil. A History of the Securitate based on Documents. 1949-1989*, Polirom, Iași, 2002 (winner of the prize for the best history book of the year, according to The Publishers' Association of Romania)
- *The Day We Won't Forget. 15 November 1987, Brașov*, (co-author Stejărel Olaru), Polirom, Iași, 2002
- *The Party's Securitate Officers. The Cadres Department of the Romanian Communist Party as Political Police. Case of Study: The Archive of the Municipal Party Committee Brașov* (co-ordinator), Polirom, Iași, 2002
- *The Successors of the Securitate*, Humanitas, Bucharest, 2004
- *L'héritage de la Securitate: Terreur en Roumanie*, in *Le jour se lève. L'héritage du totalitarisme en Europe (1953-2005)*- a volume coordinated by Stéphane Courtois, Les Éditions du Rocher, Paris, 2006
- *Zorba and the Cathedral*, Humanitas, Bucharest, 2006
- *Six Ways of Dying*, Humanitas, Bucharest, 2009

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His main publications:

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- *1956 Handbook*. Volumes I-III, edited by András B. Hegedüs (in Hungarian, editorial assistant with Tibor Beck). Budapest, 1996, Institute of 1956. 436 + 312 + 392 pp.
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