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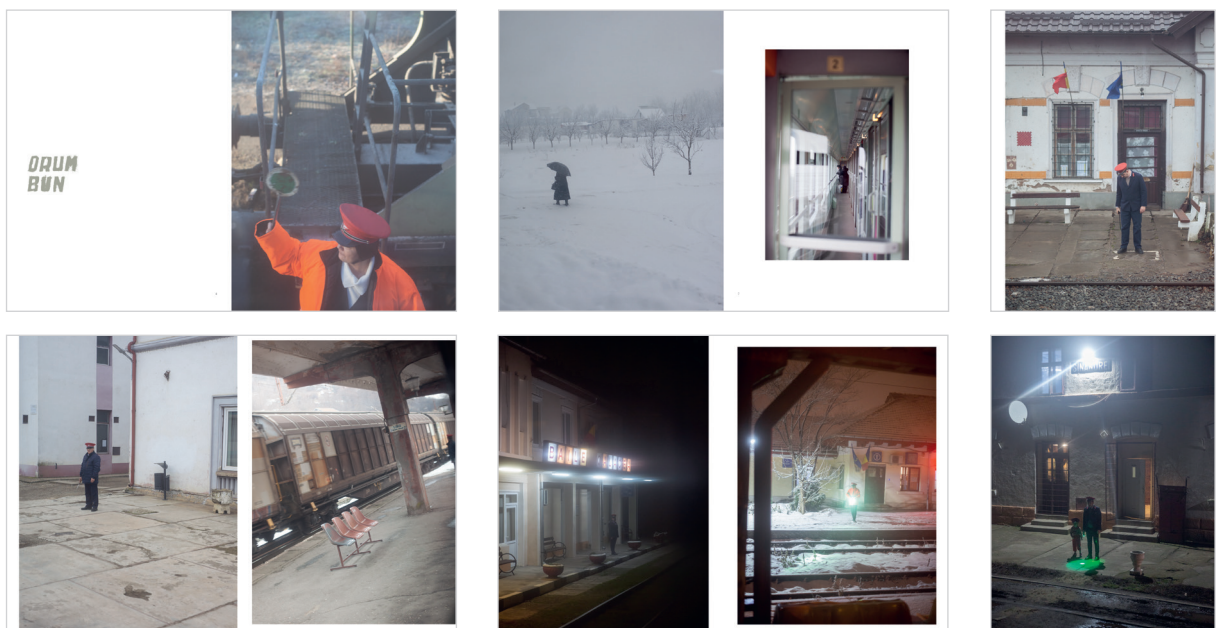
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Horst Klein | Rotkäppchen Românesc

Of person-bound departure orders at Romanian railway stations

A wintry journey along age-old railway tracks to the eastern fringes of Europe. Photographer Horst Klein gazes out of the train window and captures what he sees - snapshots of a life that is equally forlorn and bizarre, far from the modern world. The photographic narrative of a lavish journey through a dreamy nowhere-land is published as an artful and lovingly designed book, with a knowledgeable afterword by Rolf Sachsse.

The artist has been travelling by train in winter to the remotest corners of Romania for many years. On passing by, he captures moments of a world in decline with his camera. His gaze from the train window registers the melancholy beauty of the decaying railway stations as well as the bus shelters emerging from the snowy void. Abandoned and deserted these places are, and yet every train arriving and departing there must be monitored by 'parading', as stipulated in Article 153 of the driving regulations of the CFR [Căile Ferate Române], the Romanian state railway. It is a ritual that is as absurd as it is comical when the red-capped railway dispatcher - affectionately known among railfans as 'Little Red Riding Hood' - by the very dignity of his official function raises the trowel and makes the signal to proceed. Soon all this will be gone ...



Horst Klein, born in 1965, grew up in East Frisia. He studied visual communication in Krefeld and has since lived there as a graphic designer and illustrator. His publishing house 'Laut und Gleise' has been publishing books about travelling by train since 2015. www.lautundgleise.de

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