A cultural history for Europe today – from ancient until present times

What is keeping Europe together? In a new cultural history of Europe from the mythical beginnings until today, literature expert and cultural scientist Jürgen Wertheimer shows readers what makes up the continent's DNA: Europe has always seen itself as a community of diversity subject to continual change both from within and without, to negotiation, strife and discussion without committing itself to one single self-perception.

Precisely this is one of its strengths - in spite of all the crises and wars: since antiquity a culture of enquiry, introspection and openness has developed as mirrored in the cultural legacy of the past centuries, especially in the field of literature. It is a culture that is both loved and admired by many all over the world and also distrusted, feared and antagonised. Reason enough to take a closer look.

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