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**Victoria Clark** formerly Moscow correspondent for the *Observer*, with long experience also in the Balkans, has previously published in the fields of Byzantine Orthodox Church and the history of Middle East Christianity.

**Melissa Scott** started a career in broadcasting with the satellite television channel MBC before going on to work on freelance projects in publishing.

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