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BOOK REVIEW: NIKOGLO, D. E. ETHNICITY IN THE GAGAUZ FICTION LITERATURE. CHIȘINĂU: S. N., 2022. 248 P.

The aim of the review is to highlight the book author's approach focused on the study of ethnicity in Gagauz fiction. D. E. Nikoglo presents the formation and development in the Republic of Moldova of the research direction that emerged in the post-Soviet period and aims to study how the ethno-cultural component is reflected in the books by writers who themselves belong to certain ethno-social groups. The author analyzes the literature as one of the mechanisms of ethnic identity construction. He reveals the attitude of Gagauz writers to regional identity, native language, religious and moral values, elements of spiritual and material culture. The review emphasizes the importance of Nikoglo's approach to studying the ethnic identity among the Gagauz intellectual elite.

Keywords: ethnoliterature, ethnic identity, identity construction, Gagauz studies, literary heritage

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