

Album: Various artists, Princes Amongst Men (Asphalt Tango)

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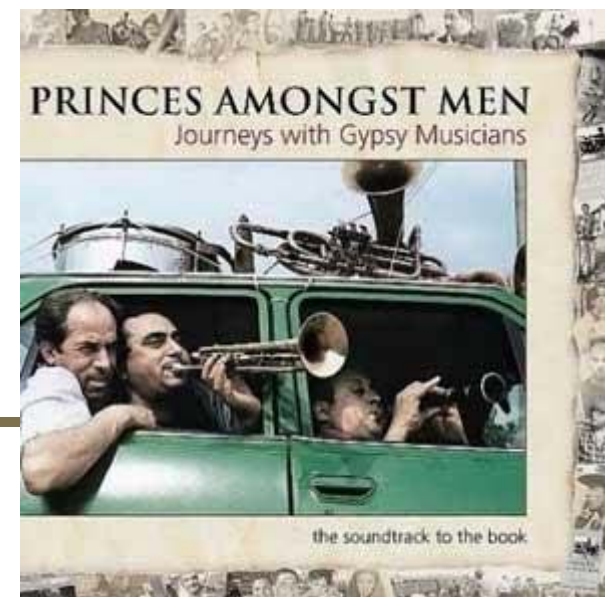
Everyone's familiar with the notion of the film of the book, or the soundtrack of the film; much rarer is the soundtrack of the book.

But Cartwright's selection of tracks from Romany Gypsy musicians he met while researching his book 'Princes Amongst Men' is just that. If you're only familiar with the ubiquitous partied-up Balkan remix albums available, the mournful edginess of many of these tunes might surprise. Can music be both chilling and fiery at the same time? Here's your answer.

Pick of the album: The molten-metal trumpet solo on 'Molitva' is sublime

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