

A book presentation by
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Forced into Genocide

Memoirs of an
Armenian Soldier
in the Ottoman
Turkish Army

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The story of Yervant
Alexanian...tells us the
forgotten story of
Armenians who served
in the World War I
Ottoman Army.
— **ERIC BOGOSIAN**

FORCED INTO GENOCIDE is the riveting memoir of Yervant Edward Alexanian: an eye-witness to the massacre and dislocation of his family and countrymen in Ottoman Turkey during World War I. Incredibly, Alexanian experienced the Armenian Genocide as a *conscript in the Turkish army*. His memoir is a one-of-a-kind "insider's account," documenting the Genocide's astonishing cruelty-but also its rare, unexpected acts of humanity.

No comparable account exists in the literature of the Armenian Genocide. This edition, translated from Alexanian's hand-written chronicle, includes rare documents and photos that the author preserved, a scholarly introduction, translator's note, and other supportive matter.

"Moving, uplifting, and richly
detailed...a gift to the Armenian
community and, indeed, humanity."
— **DR. VARTAN GREGORIAN**

"Yervant's story is an inescapable
part of understanding another kind of
suffering: the suffering of survivors."
— **DR. TANER AKÇAM**

"Unforgettable...His story is
long overdue."
— **ANDREW GOLDBERG**

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About the author and editor of *Forced into Genocide*

Born in Sivas, Turkey, **YERVANT ALEXANIAN** survived the Hamidian massacres as an infant to later fight for survival as a conscript in the Ottoman Turkish Army during the Armenian Genocide of 1915. He fled to America in 1920, where he spent his life advocating justice for his people.

ADRIENNE G. ALEXANIAN, Yervant's daughter, has spent years preparing her father's manuscript for publication. She is an educator and a 2010 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

