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# “ECHO OF SILENCE”

by

**Fethiye Çetin**

*AUTHOR OF MY GRANDMOTHER: A MEMOIR*

*“I was in a state of shock for a long time — I suddenly saw the world through different eyes. I had grown up thinking of myself as a Turkish Muslim, not an Armenian. There had been nothing in the history books about the massacre of a people that had been erased from Turkey’s collective memory. Like my grandmother, many had buried their identity — and the horrors they had seen — deep inside of them.”* **Fethiye Çetin** (N. Y. Times, 2010)



Growing up in Maden, Fethiye Çetin had no reason to suspect that she had other than Turkish Muslim roots, until her maternal grandmother, Seher, revealed to her that her real name was not Seher. She was by birth an Armenian Christian, named Heranus Gadaryan. Heranus was born to parents Hovannes and Isguhi Gadaryan, and was taken from her mother’s arms during a death march in the course of the Armenian Genocide.

This legacy inspired Çetin’s first book, a memoir published in 2004 about her grandmother’s story entitled *My Grandmother: An Armenian Turkish Memoir*.

The memoir follows Hernanus through the eyes of her granddaughter, from memories of Çetin’s childhood, to the horrendous events of the Armenian Genocide her grandmother revealed to her as an adult.

Fethiye Çetin is a Turkish lawyer, writer and human rights activist.

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017 • 7:30PM**

**Berberian Social Hall  
St. Paul Armenian Church  
3767 N. First St.  
(Corner of First and Dakota)**

**Free admission. Free parking.**