

Uncovering the Untold Stories of a Forgotten Genocide: "The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives"

**THE UNSPOKEN AS HERITAGE:
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND
ITS UNACCOUNTED LIVES**

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The inaugural Raymond H. Kévorkian
Armenian Genocide Commemoration Lecture
delivered by Dr. Harry Harootunian.

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Sebeok David Aslanian and William Marott

Discussant:
Todd Presner

Harry Harootunian's *The Unspoken as Heritage: The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives* is an attempt to reach an unattainable history by addressing the experience and memories of his parents, who escaped the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1916 and migrated to the United States to confront the magnitude of a second challenge of adaptation and economic security in an entirely different environment. Their afterlives in Detroit, where they raised three children, were marked by a void of silence provoked by what they had experienced and the loss they had incurred to configure a daily life continually mediated by the defeating historical effects of genocidal policies. Armenians had been subjected to during the closing years of Ottoman rule.

Born in 1929 in the United States, Harry Harootunian is among the leading professional historians of East Asia, focusing on Japan's early modern and modern history. He is the author of *Marx after Marx: History and Time after Capitalism* (Columbia University Press, 2015) and *Uneven Moments: Reflections on Japan's Modern History* (Columbia University Press, 2019). He was formerly the Max Palevsky Professor, Emeritus of History and Civilizations at the University of Chicago, the dean of Humanities at the University of California, Santa Cruz, editor of *Journal for Asian Studies*, and co-editor of *Critical Inquiry*. His newest book is *The Unspoken as Heritage: The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives*.

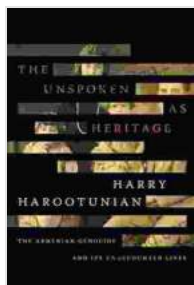
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A Haunting Exploration of a Tragedy Overlooked by History

In the annals of human suffering, the Armenian Genocide stands as a somber chapter, a systematic campaign of extermination that claimed the lives of an estimated 1.5 million Armenians during the early 20th century. However, despite its magnitude and brutality, the Armenian Genocide remains largely unaccounted for in the collective consciousness of humanity.



The Unspoken as Heritage: The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives by Arabella R. Irvine

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"The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives", a groundbreaking work by renowned historian Dr. Ara Sarafian, shines a long-overdue light on this forgotten tragedy. This meticulously researched and emotionally resonant book uncovers the hidden stories of the victims, their experiences, and the profound impact the genocide has had on Armenian society.

Unveiling the Faces behind the Numbers

Beyond the staggering statistics, Dr. Sarafian delves into the personal narratives of genocide survivors, offering a deeply human perspective on the horrors they endured. Through intimate interviews and archival

research, the author paints vivid portraits of individuals who witnessed the devastation firsthand.

Their stories are both heartbreaking and awe-inspiring, revealing the resilience of the human spirit in the face of unimaginable suffering. They speak of loved ones lost, homes destroyed, and lives forever shattered. Yet, amidst the despair, there are also accounts of courage, compassion, and the indomitable will to survive.

Examining the Perpetrators and Their Motivations

While the victims of the Armenian Genocide stand at the heart of Dr. Sarafian's narrative, he also explores the motivations and actions of the perpetrators. Through meticulous analysis of historical documents and eyewitness accounts, he sheds light on the complex interplay of political, religious, and economic factors that fueled the genocide.

The author exposes the ideological underpinnings of the perpetrators, their belief in Turkish nationalism and the desire to create a "pure" nation-state. He unravels the bureaucratic machinery that enabled the systematic extermination of an entire people, revealing a cold and calculated process of erasure and destruction.

International Neglect and the Politics of Memory

One of the most striking aspects of "The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives" is its examination of the international response to the tragedy. Dr. Sarafian documents the disturbing lack of intervention by world powers, despite overwhelming evidence of the atrocities being committed.

He analyzes the political and diplomatic machinations that led to the silencing of Armenian voices and the subsequent denial of the genocide by Turkey. The author argues that this failure to acknowledge and address the genocide has allowed the perpetrators to escape accountability and contributed to the ongoing suffering of Armenians.

The Legacy of the Genocide and its Impact on Modern Armenia

Dr. Sarafian traces the long-term consequences of the Armenian Genocide, exploring its profound impact on Armenian society and diaspora communities. He examines the psychological trauma, cultural loss, and political instability that have plagued Armenians in the aftermath of the genocide.

The author also highlights the resilience and determination of Armenians, who have maintained their identity and fought for justice despite the challenges they have faced. He explores the ongoing efforts to seek recognition of the genocide, preserve Armenian heritage, and build a brighter future for Armenian communities worldwide.

A Call to Action: Remembrance, Justice, and Reconciliation

"The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives" is not merely a historical account but a powerful call to action. Dr. Sarafian urges readers to confront the legacy of the genocide, to demand justice for its victims, and to work towards reconciliation and peace.

The author believes that acknowledging and addressing the Armenian Genocide is essential for preventing future atrocities and building a more just and equitable world. He argues that only through truth, recognition, and

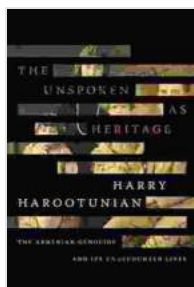
reparations can we hope to heal the wounds of the past and create a world where genocide is never again tolerated.

Essential Reading for Understanding History and Human Rights

"The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives" is an indispensable resource for anyone seeking a comprehensive understanding of this forgotten tragedy. It is a work of meticulous research, moving narratives, and thought-provoking analysis that sheds new light on a dark chapter in human history.

Whether you are an academic, a policymaker, or a general reader interested in history, human rights, or the fight against genocide, this book is an essential addition to your bookshelf. It is a powerful reminder of the fragility of human life, the importance of truth and justice, and the urgent need to work towards a world free from violence and oppression.

Free Download your copy of **"The Armenian Genocide and Its Unaccounted Lives"** today and embark on a journey that will not only broaden your knowledge but also challenge your conscience and inspire you to take action for a better future.



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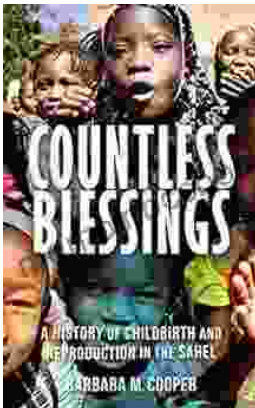
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