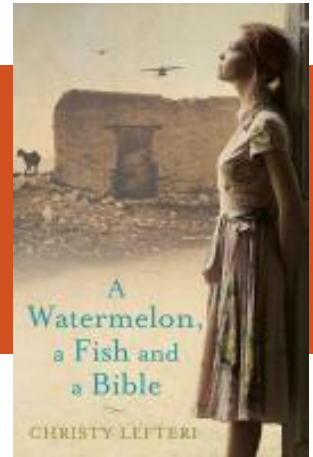




A watermelon, a fish and a bible

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Author Background

Christy Lefteri was born in London in 1980 to Greek Cypriot parents who moved to London in 1974. She completed a degree in English and a Masters in creative writing at Brunel University. She taught English to foreign students and then became a secondary school teacher before leaving to pursue a PhD and to write. She is also studying to become a psychotherapist.

Book Summary

It is July 1974 and on a bright, sunny morning, the Turkish army has invaded the town of Kyrenia in Cyprus. For many people, this means an end to life as they know it. But for some, it is a chance to begin living again.

Everyone has always talked about Koki. They never believed she was her father's daughter and her mother died too soon to quiet their wagging tongues. And when she became pregnant and there was no sign of a husband, her fate was sealed.

So she lives outside the town and hides from her neighbours' eyes. But, held captive with the very women who have made her life so lonely, Koki is finally able to tell them the truth. To talk of the Turkish shoemaker who came to the town and took her heart away with him when he left. And how she has longed for him all these years.

Meanwhile, Adem Berker finds himself back in Kyrenia, his former home, now as a member of the invading force. Here he left everything he ever wanted and, by cover of darkness, risking his life, he is searching every house, every cafe, every old pathway, for just a glimpse of the only woman he has ever loved.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ What did you like least about this book?
- ❖ Share a favourite quote from the book. Why did this quote stand out?
- ❖ Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
- ❖ If you had the chance to ask the author of this book one question, what would it be?
- ❖ What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's content? What other title might you choose?
- ❖ How original and unique was this book?
- ❖ What feelings did this book evoke for you?
- ❖ Which character in this book would you most like to meet and why?
- ❖ If you were making a movie of this book, who would you cast?

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