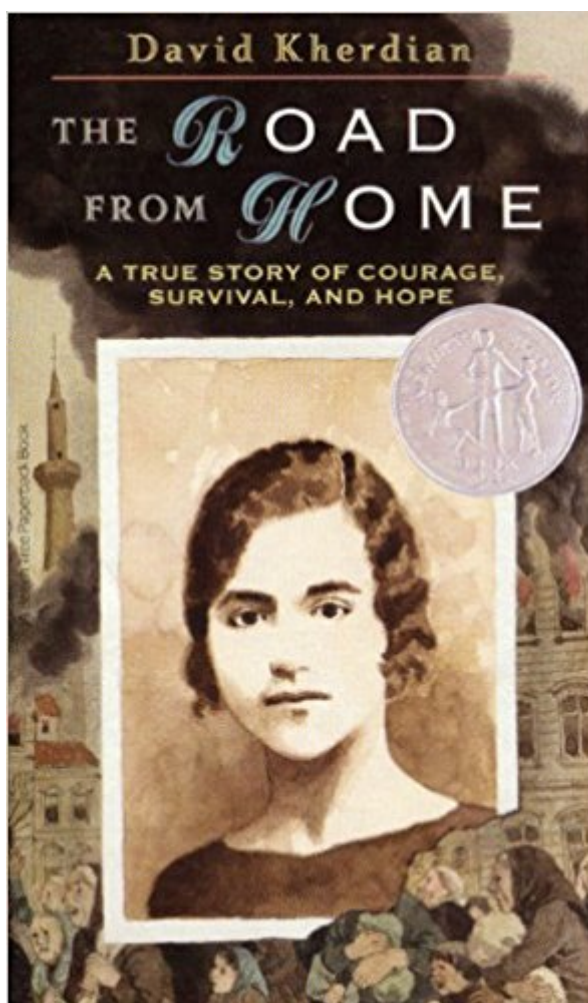


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# The Road From Home: A True Story Of Courage, Survival And Hope



## Synopsis

David Kherdian re-creates his mother's voice in telling the true story of a childhood interrupted by one of the most devastating holocausts of our century. Vernon Dumehjian Kherdian was born into a loving and prosperous family. Then, in the year 1915, the Turkish government began the systematic destruction of its Armenian population.

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ISBN 0-688-14425-X This Newbery Honor book tells the affecting tale of the author's mother and her family were driven from their home in Turkey in 1915. Ages 11-up. (Aug.) qCopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

David Kherdian re-creates his mother's voice in telling the true story of a childhood interrupted by one of the most devastating holocausts of our century.

After recently seeing David Kherdian read some of his works I was intrigued about the story of his mother and her family. I am from the same city as Mr. Kherdian and had occasion many years ago to interview some Armenian families for a book about immigrants to this city. I have always remembered the stories these women told of the marches out of their land and the oppression and discrimination. Even after many years it still brought them to tears. This book fleshed it all out for me. It is written simply but factually with the voice of his mother while it was all happening. It was hard to put down and very memorable.

This is a very compelling book...I highly recommend it....a part of history that I don't think many Americans ever have read about....how the Armenians were persecuted, terribly, by the Turks.Sadly, the Turks will still not admit to their part in this slaughter. The Armenians were Christians.

This is one of the best first-hand accounts about the Genocide that I've read. FINALLY, a book was written about it for younger people. Once I start teaching, this will definitely be on my list of required reading.Kherdian started off a bit slow--I wasn't sure I'd get through it. But once I hit page 20, I couldn't put it down! It was captivating, touching. I just wanted Veron to be okay--to be able to understand what was going on. For her to survive. Only two books have ever managed to bring tears to my eyes, and this was one of them.Even though I'm not Armenian, I've read countless books about both Armenia and the Genocide. This definitely is one of the best. It's easy to understand (though the fact that it happened is still so difficult for me to comprehend).If you're an Armenian parent (or grandparent!) struggling to tell your teen about it, this book will help greatly. I highly recommend it. Kherdian should be given high praises for having the courage to pen this book.

This was a wonderful Audiobook, one of my favourites. I was submerged into the journey of Veron and her many heartbreaking experiences, narrated in a straightforward manner, always with a positive heart.

I liked this very much. After finishing it I passed it on to my 15 year old granddaughter to educate her. I believe that most people are totally unaware of the atrocities that the Armenian people suffered in those days and how their historic lands were stolen from them.

This is by far one of the best books that I have read about the Armenian Genocide, in the most simple words possible. The book captures the reader's attention by its moving and true story of a young woman who came from a distinguished Armenian family in Turkey and became a victim of the first genocide of the century. It shows the courage of this young woman and the will power of most Armenians in staying alive and surviving the most brutal acts of the Turks against the Armenians. It is a story that every child & adult, Armenian or none, should read. It gives the reader a true perspective of how the Turks committed the act of slaughtering and killing the Armenians and

the Greek, while also sharing some of the Armenian history and its cultural practices. I suspect that Veron Kherdian is still alive, but if she is, I'd love to visit her and thank her for her courage, her lessons that she taught me in her book, and most of all the message that she gave in her book: "Never give up hope in a better and sunny day, yet to come" and for me as an Armenian her most important message was to never give up my race and my history as an Armenian and to teach our future generations the truth about our history and our ancestors.

Memorable and heart wrenching.

Written from a personal perspective, this was a very sad book, and required reading in our house (husband is Armenian). Armenian genocide should be required element of any world history class, especially given that it was the inspiration for the Holocaust

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