

AVEDIS HADJIAN
**SECRET
NATION**

The Hidden Armenians of Turkey



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PRESENT AN EVENING LECTURE

**SECRET NATION: THE HIDDEN
ARMENIANS OF TURKEY**

**A talk by author Avedis Hadjian,
*especially invited from Venice***

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 8:00 p.m.

Belekdanian Hall

5 Menouf Street (off Cleopatra street), Heliopolis, Egypt

It has long been assumed that no Armenian presence remained in eastern Turkey after the 1915 Armenian Genocide. In fact, some did survive and together with their children managed during the last century to conceal their origins. Many of these survivors were orphans, adopted by Muslims, only discovering their Armenian identity late into their adult lives. Outwardly, they are Turks or Kurds and while some are practicing Muslims, others continue to uphold Christian and Armenian traditions behind closed doors.

Avedis Hadjian has travelled to the towns and villages once densely populated by Armenians, recording stories of survival and discovery from those who remain in a region that is deemed unsafe for the people who once lived there.

This book takes the reader to the heart of these hidden communities for the first time, unearthing their unique heritage and identity. Revealing the lives of a people that have been trapped in a history of denial for more than a century, *Secret Nation* is essential reading for anyone with an interest in the aftermath of the Armenian Genocide in the very places where the events occurred.

