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Tadem, My Father's Village

Extinguished during the 1915 Armenian Genocide

By Robert Aram Kaloosdian

100 years after the Armenian Genocide, new eyewitness accounts

In April 1915, in the midst of World War I, the Young Turk government set off an explosion of violence against the Armenians in the eastern part of the country. Accustomed to pogroms, mass looting, and mob violence, the Armenians failed to understand this time was different. **This time, by government decree, the goal was not intimidation, rape, or robbery—the goal was their complete extermination.**

Drawing on more than a dozen eye-witness accounts of The Armenian Genocide, most never before published, the author recounts the life and death of an Armenian village from the first intimations of violence through deportations, family separations, massacres, and escapes, to the establishment of diasporal communities in the United States and elsewhere.

Praise for Tadem, My Father's Village

“Tadem’s story mirrors the tale of hundreds of other Armenian towns and villages in the Ottoman Empire. **Robert Aram Kaloosdian has made a lasting contribution through his meticulous combination of historical sources, memoirs, and oral histories.**”

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Taner Akçam, Ph.D., Professor of History and Armenian Genocide Studies, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University

“This micro-history of the Armenian Genocide **closes a critical gap in our knowledge.**”

Hilmar Kaiser, Ph.D., author of *The Extermination of Armenians in the Diarbekir Region*

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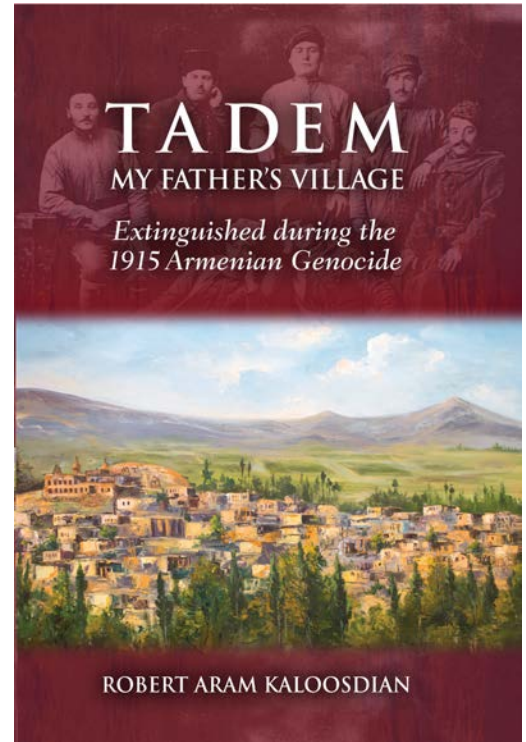
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