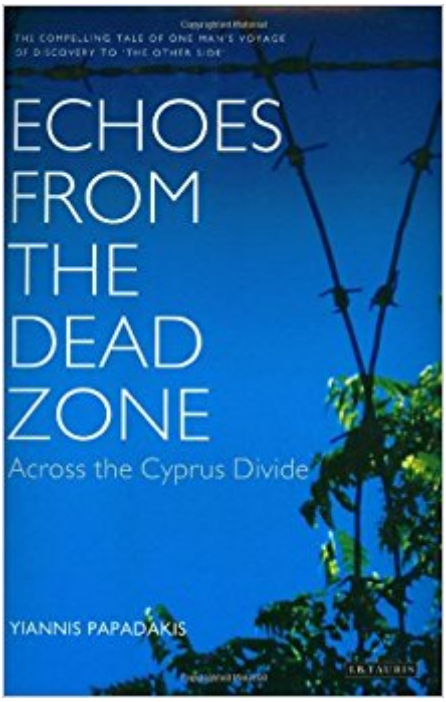
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# Echoes From The Dead Zone: Across The Cyprus Divide




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The narrative of Cyprus' recent history has created numerous attitudes and prejudices which run deep but which have never before been explored on a human level. Now for the first time Yiannis Papadakis, firmly planted in the Greek Cypriot world, sets out to discover ""The Other""-- the much maligned Turks. Papadakis delves into the two communities, locked in their mutually contemptuous embrace, to explore their common humanity and to understand what has divided them.

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This book gives an overall perception of the different parties of the Cyprus conflict. As a personal impartial observer, a view from Greek, Turkish, and Cypriot (Turkish and Greek) citizens, you understand the many grievances of why people have conflict with one another. However, throughout Papadakis' travels to these three nations and the many accounts he received from various inhabitants, it all rather seems repetitive. I understood the point being conveyed but there was no need to include the many stories that all demonstrated the same point. Again, it was a good book to receive an impartial understanding of the conflict and is told in a first-person narrative rather than purely just informative. The book was needed for a course and was not to be made available through my schools bookstore and so the students were responsible for ordering at the last minute. Thankfully, the shipping was very efficient and came in on time.

I've read quite deeply on the Cyprus affair, and this book really drew me in. Though it does go into some of the history and politics of the situation, it is not a dry account written in an academic tone. The author, a Greek Cypriot, forces himself to listen to the perspectives of Turkish Cypriots and Mainland Turks, and he finds himself in a dead zone of identities as he is slowly distrusted by his

own Greek Cypriot community, at least by those who identify more with their "Greekness" than their "Cypriotness." There are lots of first-hand accounts of conversations with nationalists from both sides, and people in both communities who see themselves first and foremost as Cypriot.The author tries really hard to be objective, and given the scope of the Cyprus problem, does a good job. I read this while also looking over Hannay's book on Cyprus, "The Search for a Solution," and I found the book by Papadakis to be much more exciting. He is now at the University of Cyprus.

Just genious. Combines personnal style with scientific authority. Deconstructs all nationalistic, religious mythologies and shows that beyond all identities (muslim, christian,greek,turkish) are real human beings, with real lives and real sufferings.One of the most important contributions to the construction of peace in Cyprus and between Turkey and Greece.

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