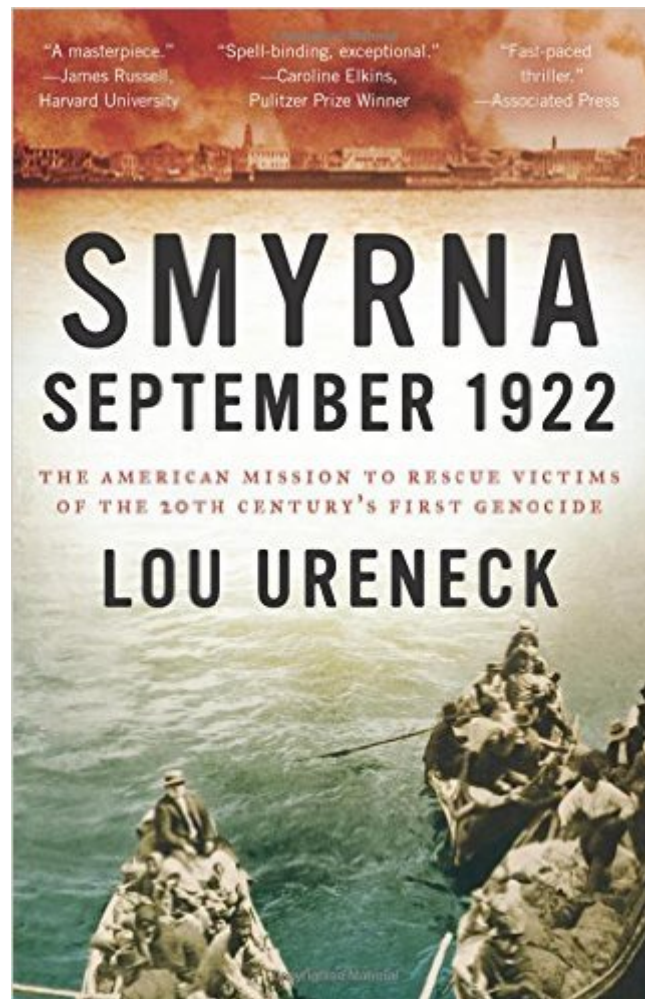


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In September 1922, the richest city of the Mediterranean was burned, and countless numbers of Christian refugees killed. The city was Smyrna, and the event was the final episode of the 20th Century's first genocide – the slaughter of three million Armenians, Greeks and Assyrians of the Ottoman Empire. The slaughter at Smyrna occurred as warships of the great powers stood by – the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy. The deaths of hundreds of thousands seemed inevitable until an American minister staged a bold rescue with the help of a courageous U.S. naval officer. Now, the forgotten story of one of the great humanitarian acts of history gets told.

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I just finished reading this book and I have a few observations. You really should read this book, especially if you and your family have been Americans for many generations. And this suggestion is coming from a first generation American who grew up in a household where we were taught that "don't be like Americans, because Americans are very uneducated in how the world really is." of course we four would always respond, "but dad we were born in America" and his answer was "yes, but you are not like them because we educate you about the world." I'm an American, born here, who grew up in the 1950's and 60's outside of Philadelphia, with two brothers and a sister. Every September the four of us, while Dad was off at work, would have to team up and pitch in to run the house and to go shopping and to cook the meals while going to public school. This is because mom would disappear into what we called a haze. Mom would just stare off into space and mumble more prayers than we could count. All kinds of names, in a language that we didn't

really understand tumbled out. Mom had often embarrassed us, as she would tell strangers that she was educated at a place called the American College and learned many languages. She would talk of her education in all manner of important subjects. To us growing up, how could that be, she was married to a steady, stoic man who owned a hat cleaning and shoe shine parlor. Things were good in America, but mom in an advanced high school â œback there,â • in the old country? No way, America was not a backward place, â œback there,â • was.

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