

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR GÜLTEN DAYIOĞLU

I was born in 1935, in a small town of Kütahya called Emet. I completed my primary school education in various towns of Anatolia. Having graduated from the Istanbul Atatürk Girls High School, I attended Istanbul University Law School for a while. Then, I decided to be a primary school teacher and attained my teacher's certificate. I resigned in 1977, after 15 years of teaching, and focused on my writing career.

Along with my active writing career, I maintain constant contact with my readers around the country by participating in discussions and writer's days held by educational institutions, civil society organizations, cultural institutions, municipalities etc....

Alongside my novels, short stories and play scripts for the television and radio programs, I have carried out a number of studies on the Turkish primary school education system and educational problems faced by the children of Turkish workers abroad. Since 1965, some of my articles based on these research studies have been published in Cumhuriyet (1965 - 1967) and Milliyet (1967 - 1987...) Frequently, I write articles for various magazines.

At the many national and international conference sessions, I have presented nearly 30 papers on CHILDREN'S LITERATURE as well as educational problems.

In third grade, my primary school teacher discovered my talent for writing and guided me to improve it as I grew up. At the age of 15, my first short story was printed in a local newspaper in Afyon (1950). My first book - A children's book called " The Gardener's Son " was published in 1963. Ever since, I have produced a total of 63 books, all of which have been enjoyed by succeeding generations through new editions. The collection of these works is comprised of children's (from age 6 and up) and teenagers' books. Furthermore, I have written more than 20 play scripts, all broadcasted or ready for broadcast, for the radio and television programs.

I am married with two grown - up sons and two grandchildren. Some of my works have been awarded by various institutions, while some have been translated into foreign languages.

Alongside my French, which I have learned during my high school years, I speak intermediate English, which I have learned at language schools in the UK and Turkey.

MY WORKS

FOR ADULTS AND TEENAGERS

The Seed: Short Stories (1970)

Those Who Stayed: Short Stories (first edition in 1975, Fourth edition in 2000 ISBN 975 - 405 - 894 - 6)

Those Who Returned: Short Stories - Interviews (first edition in 1986, third edition in 2000 ISBN 975 - 405 - 797 - 4)

Green Cherry - ISBN 975 - 363 - 015 - 8

Green cherry 2 - ISBN 975 - 363 - 360 - 2

The Eighth Color - ISBN 975 - 405 - 744 - 3

Mo's Secret - ISBN 975 - 405 - 980 - 2

CHILDRENS' BOOKS

For the 9 - 14 year old age group, I have written both fiction and non - fiction books based on concepts like national and global friendship, peace and brotherhood as well as village and city life, the world and the universe.

NOVELS:

FADIŞ : ISBN - 975 - 405 - 092 - 9

THEY WERE BROTHERS AND SISTERS: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 099 - 6

SUNA'S SPARROWS: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 001 - 5

I MISS MY HOMETOWN: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 297 - 2

WHEN I GROW UP: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 113 - 5

IF ONLY THE WORLD BELONGED TO CHILDREN: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 090 - 2

SMART FLEAS: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 167 - 4

CHILDREN OF THE RADIATION ERA: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 322 - 7

THE IMMORTAL QUEEN: ISBN - 975 - 405 130 - 5

THE MYSTERY OF MOUNT PARBAT: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 078 - 3

EYES OF THE MIDOS EAGLE: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 243 - 3

THE FLIGHT FROM DANUBE - ISBN - 975 - 405 - 330 - 8

PURPLE CLOUDS IN THE SKY: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 424 - X

GANGA: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 617 - X

PS: These novels have been published by Altın Kitaplar Publishing House.

EDUCATIONAL SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS FOR THE 7 - 9 YEAR OLD AGE GROUP (The " Poppy Series ")

THE FREE BIRD: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 8/5 - 9

BAZAARDAY: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 8 / 5 - 9

A TRIP TO THE MEADOWS: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 804 - 0

THE FLYING MOTORCYCLE: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 803 - 2

MR. CRAZY: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 808 - 3

WARM BREAD: ISBN - 975 - 405 807 - 5

THE KITE: ISBN - 975 - 405 810 - 5

THE BABY SEAGULL AT THE BEACH: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 814 - 8

THE CHEERFUL PAINTER: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 813 - X

THE LITTLE BEAR WITH A BROKEN HEART: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 809 - 1

TRUE ANIMAL STORIES. ISBN - 975 - 405 - 811 - 3

TRUE ANIMAL STORIES 2: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 812 - 1

Some of the books listed above have been adapted to TV films for children.

PICTURE BOOKS FOR 6 - 9 AGE GROUP:

A series of 20 books called: " Ece and Yüce "

The names of the books in the series are:

SHADOWS ON THE WALL: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 758 - 3

DO YOU KNOW YÜCE?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 759 - 1

ECE WILL BE A SISTER: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 760 - 5

MOTHERS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 761 - 3

THE JEALOUS DOLLS: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 782 - B

THAT TV AGAIN! : ISBN - 975 - 405 - 783 - 4

ECE WANTS TO BE A WRITER: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 783 - 4

THE LITTLE TREE HAS BLOSSOMED: ISBN - 975 - 405 791 - 5

DOES MOM LOVE ME?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 785 - 0

ECE'S SISTER IS BORN: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 792 - 3

DO SISTERS GET NAUGHTY?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 793 - 1

A LETTER FROM ECE: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 794 - X

ECE'S TOURIST FRIENDS: ISBN - 975 - 405 799 - 0

A FUNNY INCIDENT: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 800 - 8

WHO IS THE MOON LAUGHING AT?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 801 - 6

ECE CATCHES LAUSE IN THE POULTARY HOUSE: ISBN -975 -405 -802-4

ECE GOES TO SCHOOL: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 828 - 8

HOW WILL ECE GET ALONG WITH YÜCE?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 829 - 6

ECE'S SOCKS ARE SO FUNNY!: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 830 - X

WHERE DID YÜCE GET HIS WINGS?: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 831 - 8

I'M HAVING SO MUCH FUN!: ISBN - 975 - 405 - 745 - 6

THE STORK IN THE SNOW: Long story, ISBN - 975 - 552 - 022 - 8

THE RED BIKE, Long Story

PS: New issues of these books were published by Altın Kitaplar Publishing House with renewed pictures.

BOOKS I HAVE ADAPTED TO OUR LANGUAGE

The first 16 books of the children's books series published in France by Gilbert Delaheye - Marcel Marlier, under the series called " Ayşegül ". (1964 - 1966)

BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED ABROAD

THOSE WHO HAVE STAYED: Published in Sweden in 1983. ISBN - 917754 - 007 - 8

HOLD ON: This short story from the book Those Who Have Stayed was published in Berlin in 1981 in the Turkish - German Books series. ISBN - 921889 - 59 - 6

THE RAINBOW: Short story from the book Those Who Have Stayed, published in 1983 in Hungary.

Was included in the anthology of short stories called Aus Dem Schweigen published in Hamburg in 1984. The second edition was published in 1987 by the German Publishing House DTV under the name of Frauen In Der Türkei Erzählungen. ISBN - 3 - 423 - 10856 - 8

Was adapted into a radio play and broadcasted twice in 1986 and 1989 by the Australian Radio Institution ORF.

THE SNAKE GRANNY: Story from the book Those Who Have Stayed was included in the anthology called Twenty Stories By Turkish Women Writers, published by the Indiana State University of the United States. (1988, Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 88 - 083891)

IF ONLY THE WORLD BELONGED TO CHILDREN: Published in Berlin in 1984 with the name OPERATION HEISSER REGEN, this book was elected one of the 300 books that gave the youth hope for the future by the German Publishers Association. (1986) ISBN - 3 - 88677 - 919 - x

I MISS MY HOMETOWN: Published in Berlin in 1985.

In 1987, part of the book was included in an educational book designed to teach children aged between 8 - 14 about the different religions and traditions of the world. (Fremde Religionen - Judentum - Islam) ISBN - 491 -80023 - 4 Patmos Gb. ISBN - 3 - 7806 - 2179 - 7 Kaufman Gb.

THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED: Published in Berlin in 1986 by the IKOO Publishing House, with the name Rückkehr Zwischen Grezen. ISBN - 3-88677 - 930 - 0

This book, which observes and deals with the adaptation problems faced by worker families who have returned home from abroad and which is comprised of both short stories and interviews, was discussed in an article published in a magazine called WORL LITERATURE TODAY. (USA) Talat Halman, who

focused on the universal approach to worker migration as he stated his views on the book has reinforced the thesis of the book.

I was introduced in JBBY, the IBBY (International Children and Youth Publications) - an institution of UNESCO - magazine published in Japan, as a Turkish Children's Literature Writer via the article by Mrs. TAKEDA, wife of the Istanbul Consul General (September 1988).

THE LITTLE BEAR WITH A BROKEN HEART: Short story translated into Russian in 1992. Was also included in an anthology of children's short stories.

In 1988, I was invited to attend the 10th Children's Festival held on April 23rd by the TRT, as the guest of honor. During the festival, I was awarded honor sheets by the Prime Minister and the TRT Institution.

Since 1980, I have been frequently invited to participate in various Children's Literature activities held in Holland and Germany, where I presented several papers regarding my research studies on Children's Literature.

In 1993, the 30th anniversary of my writing career was celebrated with seminars, panels, conferences and contests held in Ankara, Istanbul and many other cities of Anatolia.

MY AWARD WINNING WORKS

THE SEED: 1964 - 1965 YUNUS NADI AWARD (2nd place winner)

THE STORK IN THE SNOW: 1974 - 1975 ARKIN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE SHORT STORY AWARD

MRS. PRETTY: 1974 - 1975 ARKIN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FAIRYTALE AWARD

IF ONLY THE WORLD BELONGED TO CHILDREN: In 1984 (GEORGE ORWELL YEAR) elected among the 300 books, which were believed to impart hope for the future in the minds of the youth

BRIDE ROSE: 1987 TURKISH FAMILY HEALTH AND PLANNING KOÇ FOUNDATION SHORT STORY AWARD

A TRIP BEYOND THE MYTHICAL MOUNTAINS: 1987 TURKISH MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AWARD

THE MYSTERY OF MOUNT PARBAT: 1989 IZMIR MUNICIPALITY CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AWARD
1990 ALTIN KİTAPLAR AWARD

1991: CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION LITERATURE AWARD

13 November 1995: I was awarded honorary membership to Kütahya Journalists Association and a press card.

November 1995: My books animated by Nazan Erkmen's drawings were awarded at the Eflatun Cem Güney Children's Books Contest held by the Ministry of Culture.

13 November 1995: One of the main streets in my hometown Emet was named after me as " Gülten Dayıoğlu Street ".

12 - 18 September 1996: I was awarded an honor sheet at the 13th Information Technologies Congress held in Istanbul for my contributions in this field. I was also awarded free Internet connection for a life time and the company PRIZMANET opened a home page under my name where my works are displayed.

Currently, I am a member of the Turkish Ministry of Culture, Children's Literature Publication Consultants Committee.

In 1998, a national survey was carried out by the Mimoza Magazine owned by the Sabah Publication group to determine 75 Successful Turkish Women in honor of the 75th Anniversary of our republic, with regard to their contributions both to their profession and to the Turkish society. It is a great honor for me to say that I was among the 75 elected women.

In March 1999, I was awarded an honor sheet for my contributions to art and literature at the 73rd Anniversary of the Foundation of Kütahya Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In 1999 - 2000, I was elected to represent Turkey at the Andersen Children's Publications Contest.

On 11 November 2000, the author received the Turkish Literature Association Honorary Award at a ceremony held during Tüyap Book Fair.

In 2001, the 30th anniversary of her first novel Fadış was celebrated with a series of activities. The celebrations started in March 2001, with the press release and cocktail party held at the Pera Palas Hotel by Altın Kitaplar Publishing House. In April, a symposium on Fadış was held by the Ankara University Faculty of Education followed by a two-day national symposium held by the Eskişehir Osmangazi University. The celebrations continued with a panel held by the Marmara University Faculty of education together with the many meetings held at a number of other schools and educational institutions. The papers produced and discussed at these symposia were published in book form by Ankara and Osmangazi Universities.

On April 23, 2001 Glten Dayiođlu was honored with the Children's Literature Lifelong Award presented by the Association of Children's Literature and Art Experts.

On November 12, 2002, the children's hospital in the city of Ktahya was named GLTEN DAYIOĐLU, in honor of the author, who has worked as special consultant at the Ministry of Culture Children's Literature Publishing Council between 1999-2002.

Dayiođlu's first book was published in 1963. Hence, this year her fortieth anniversary is celebrated with ongoing events. The Committee of Unicef Turkey has announced that a placket will be presented to the author in 2003. Glten Dayiođlu has donated the publishing rights of her ten travel books abroad to Unicef, the revenues to be extended to the support of the children of the world.

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