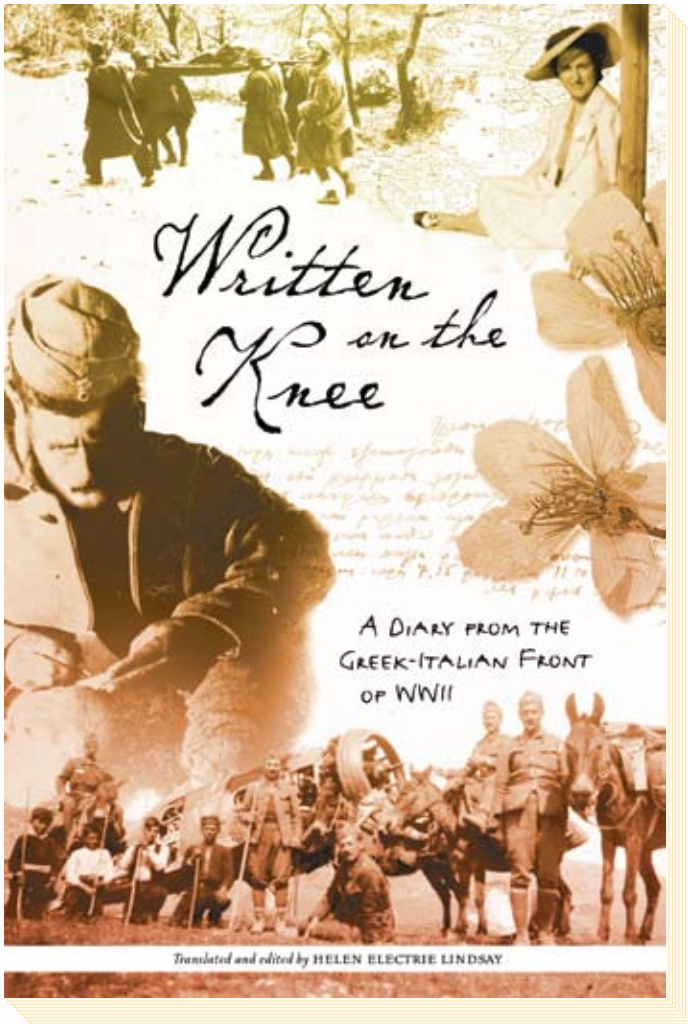


Introduction by
Louis de Bernières,
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A Passionate Diary of Love and Suffering from a Forgotten Chapter of WWII



DURING THE GREEK-ITALIAN CONFLICT of World War II, a Greek doctor, Theodore Electrís, newly married and idealistic, found himself called up to the Greek-Italian front in the remote mountains of Albania. Homesick, hungry and desperately missing his young wife Chysoula, he kept an intimate journal to preserve his experiences for her.

Written on the Knee is both an authentic historical document of Greek involvement in WWII and a story of love, separation and family ties threatened and strengthened by war. Dr. Electrís' entries and the accompanying letters between the newlyweds have been translated by his daughter, Helen Electric Lindsay, to honor her parents and commemorate the veterans she met while growing up in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Also included is a short history of Greece before and after the war. Greece is often overlooked in the scope of WWII, as its engagement lasted only six months. However, its fierce resistance against Mussolini's forces delayed Hitler's move into the Soviet Union, which many historians believe turned the war in favor of the Allies.

From Dr. Electrís' first entry on November 1, 1940 ("Mobilization, mobilization ... we are being mobilized ...") to his last on May 4, 1941 ("From this war adventure, and these hardships, I learned the great worth of Life and Happiness"), *Written on the Knee* captures a time and place crucial to understanding the world's important modern history.

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From the Preface

This wartime diary, written on the knee, recounts valorous deeds, but mostly it records many ordinary, non-heroic acts, feelings and thoughts of one man, a medic, caught in the crumbling chaos of an anguishing expedition to defend his country against an unjust war of aggression. Written during Italy's invasion of Greece in World War II, this journal tells of the passion, desire and pathos of a common citizen in his resolute struggle to survive.

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EXPECTING A CHEMICAL ATTACK

Audience

- **Greek-Americans:** over 1 million in the United States
- **World War II buffs:** World War II–related media performs well, but few films, books, or TV programs have focused on Greece's involvement

Publishing Industry Events

- BEA (Los Angeles)
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Marketing Strategy

- **Release date:** corresponds with October 28, the Greek holiday Okhi Day (the day Metaxas rejected Mussolini's demand to occupy Greece)
- **Pitch review and feature coverage in national and regional press:** *Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, The New Republic, Harper's, New York Review of Books, New Yorker, Time, Newsweek, New York Times, NYT Book Review, AARP, Northwest World Traveler, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, Salon.com*, as well as Greek publications and broadcast media
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