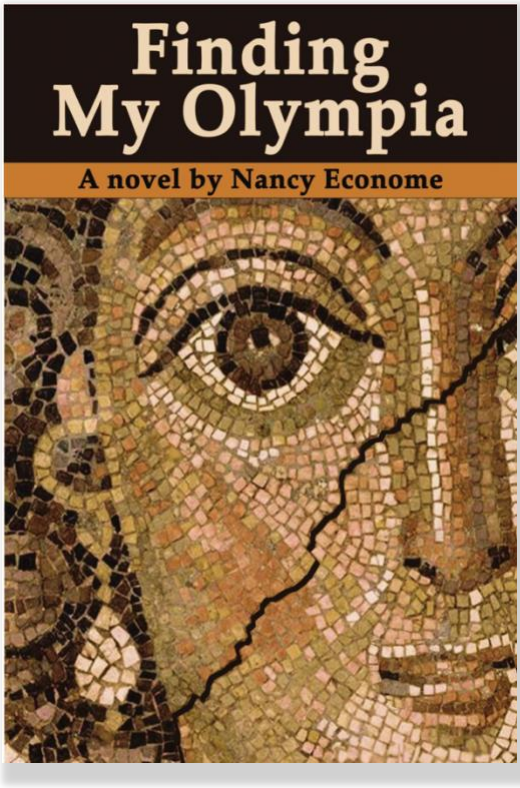
Finding My Olympia

Questions for Discussion



1. Compare the personalities of Yianna and Olympia. How did each change throughout the story? What are their instincts when in dangerous situations?

2. One of the major themes of this story is the missing people within families. Who are the missing in *Finding My Olympia*?

3. How does Stavros' definition of himself as a man change from the beginning to the end of the story? Did your opinion of Stavros change?

4. Describe how being an immigrant colored Stavros' view of the world. Olympia? Yianna?

5. Why was this story set in Woodland, a small Central Valley town in northern California? What does San Francisco represent to Yianna?

6. How did the atrocities in Smyrna affect Stavros? Was generational trauma from this event passed down in this family?

7. Compare Agamemnon, Timoleon and Lucky. How did each adapt to life in America?

8. What were the elements in Dorothea Lange's photos that captured Yianna's attention?

9. What thoughts and feelings did you take away from *Finding My Olympia?*

10. What do you think happens to each character in the future?

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