Recovering Armenia:
The Limits of Belonging in Post-Genocide Turkey

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In Recovering Armenia (Stanford University Press), Lerna Ekmekcioglu offers the first in-depth study of the aftermath of the 1915 Armenian Genocide and the Armenians who remained in Turkey. Following World War I, as the victorious Allied powers occupied Ottoman territories, Armenian survivors returned to their hometowns optimistic that they might establish an independent Armenia. But Turkish resistance prevailed, and by 1923 the Allies withdrew, the Turkish Republic was established, and Armenians were left again to reconstruct their communities within a country that still considered them traitors. Ekmekcioglu investigates how Armenians recovered their identity within these drastically changing political conditions.

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