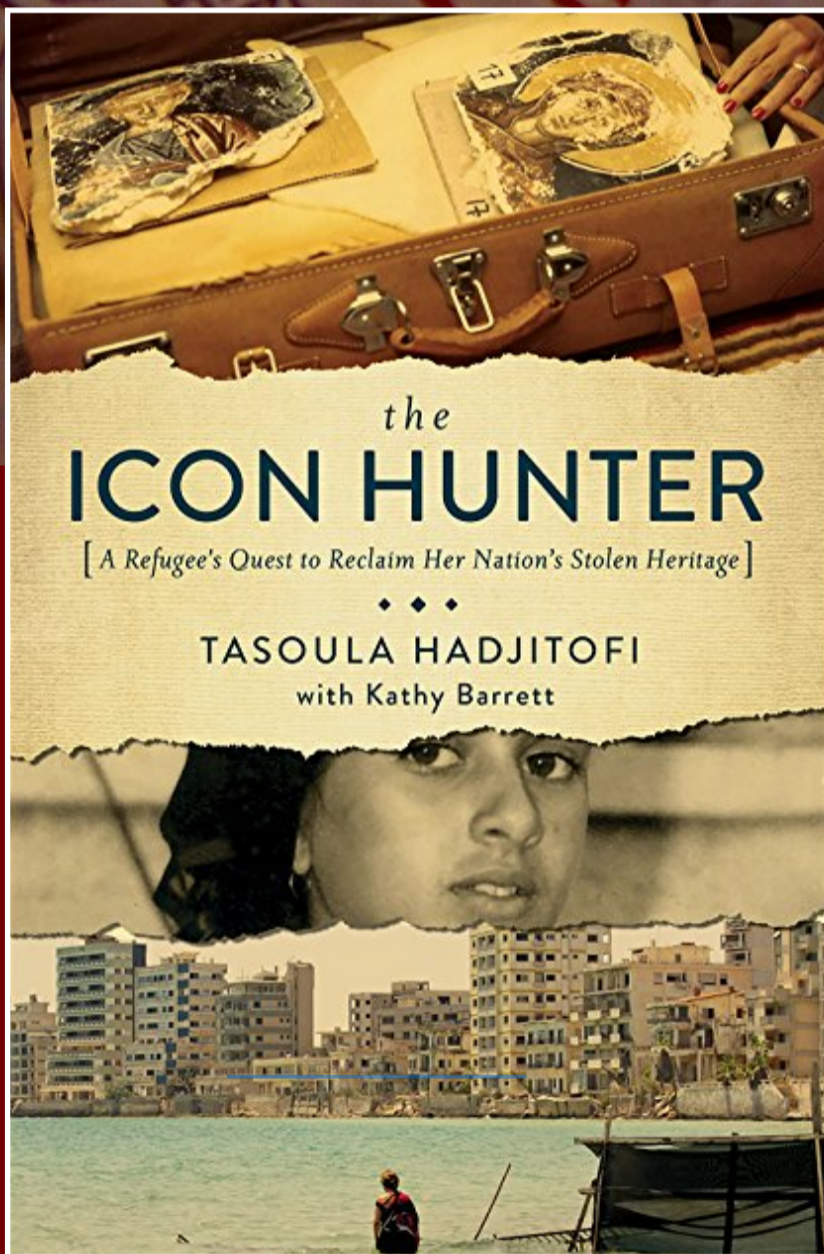


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Throughout history, art smugglers, war profiteers, and terrorists have stolen countless icons, frescos, mosaics and cultural artifacts from vulnerable, war-torn countries and they continue to do so today in places like Syria and Iraq. One woman has made it her life's work to retrieve them. In a powerful memoir, **Tasoula Hadjitofi** reveals her perilous journey from Cypriot refugee to orchestrating "The Munich Case," one of the largest European art trafficking stings since World War II.

Born and raised in Famagusta, Cyprus, Hadjitofi and her family were forced to flee their home during the 1974 Turkish invasion. Her work with Archbishop Chrysostomos I of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus culminated in the arrest of Turkish art trafficker Aydin Dikmen and the recovery of over \$60 million of stolen icons and other antiquities from Cyprus and around the world, including a priceless 14th-century Armenian manuscript Gospel.

Books will be available for sale during a reception following the book presentation. All proceeds will benefit the **Walk of Truth** NGO, which rallies governments, political leaders, legislatures, law enforcement, museums and cultural organizations in combatting art trafficking and protecting cultural heritage in areas of conflict. The event is free and open to the public. All are cordially invited.