



### Voices of the Lost Children of Greece

Oral Histories of Cold War International Adoption

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*Voices of the Lost Children of Greece* is a collection of essays from Greek-born adoptees in the 1950s after two consecutive wars that ravaged the country. Their stories will strike home the experience of international adoption, whose impact has been lifelong, but has not been properly measured, let alone acknowledged.

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Anyone who was adopted, wants to adopt, is thinking about adoption or has adopted.

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Dr. Mary Cardaras is the Director of The Demos Center at The American College of Greece in Athens. She holds a PhD in Public and International Affairs, and is a writer, journalist and documentary filmmaker. Mary is one of the so-called 'lost children of Greece', the first group of babies and children in history to be systematically exported from their country of origin. She has spoken about and has written numerous articles about Greek adoptees and is an advocate and activist for the human rights of all adoptees. She has written a novella called *Ripped at the Root* (2021), the story of a stolen baby from Greece, who was reunited with her birth parents and siblings after 42 years apart. *Voices of the Lost Children of Greece* has also been published in Greek by Potamos Publishers in Athens (2023).

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