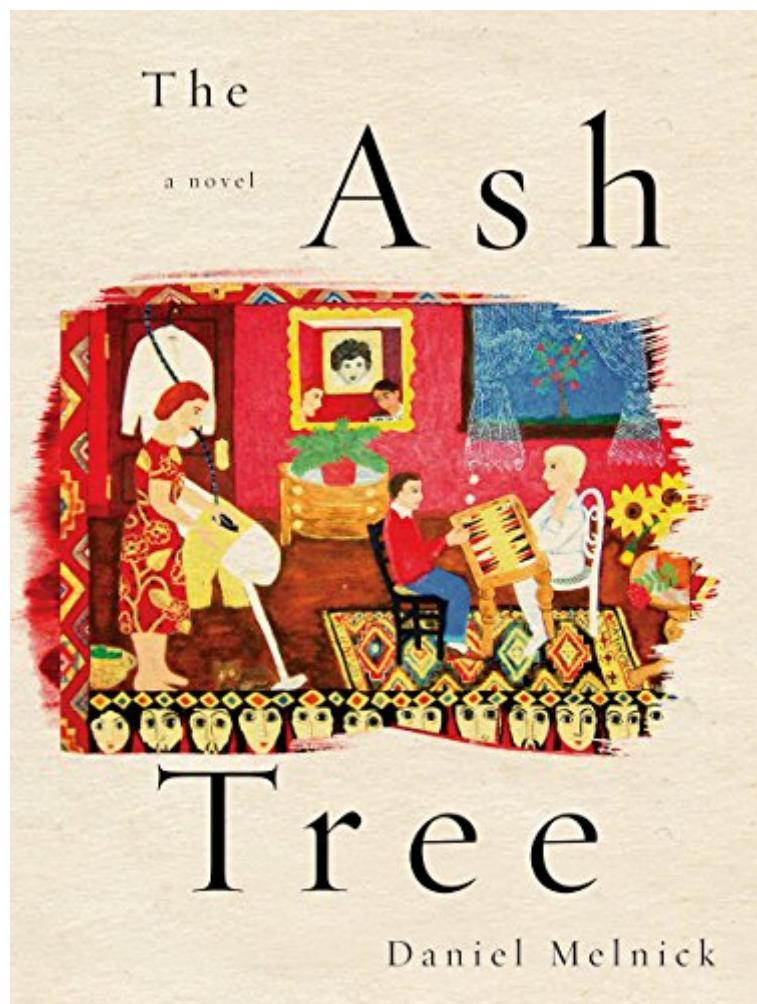


[The book was found](#)

The Ash Tree



Synopsis

âœHe remembered his first days in the fields when he felt the blinding sun blast his consciousness. At night on this reclaimed desert, the temperature dropped from 110 to 70, as the flatland descended into darkness. Suddenly you were almost invisible and bathed in numbing air. It was a blasted desolation you felt, reducing all the life you knew to your body and its basic functioning, breathing and sleeping, eating and excreting, killing or dying. Your mouth was silenced, and your eyes stared blankly at the blackened moonless fields.â•

Book Information

File Size: 3427 KB

Print Length: 302 pages

Publisher: West of West Books (May 15, 2015)

Publication Date: May 15, 2015

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00UI0G8VW

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,267,371 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #120 inÂ Books > Parenting & Relationships > Family Relationships > Extended Families #1164967 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks

Customer Reviews

Daniel Melnick gives us an intimate glimpse into a family filled with love and dysfunction. History woven throughout painful and riveting. Trying to make life work in good times and bad. Great characters you will want to get to know better

âœThe Ash Treeâ• is a compelling, beautifully-rendered story of the Ararat family of Fresno. A firm, opinionated woman stands as its matriarch. Artistic sensibilities secure its core. As a mother and grandmother, Artemis Ararat admits she doesnâ™t know it all. âœWho truly were the people she loved?â• she asks. What was her responsibility in understanding them? What was her responsibility

to herself? These questions are pertinent to every family. Not every family is brave enough to ask them. A family grows strong by maneuvering through its layers: the mechanics of everyday life weighed against an individual's deepest dreams. Proximity of fate is rarely enough. Personalities must be respected and conflicts negotiated, spirited by an unfailing love. If a family is fortunate, its vulnerabilities will be tempered by its strengths. "The Ash Tree" shows how parents and children can lean together through triumph and tragedy, hands joined in good faith, to treasure the sum of its parts.

This remarkable family drama begins 100 years ago in the midst of the Armenian Genocide. We see the evolution of the Ararats as they evolve from Armenian-American newcomers struggling to grab a foothold in the parched California landscape to fully realized Americans, less hyphenated, but still grappling with the kinds of problems that beset families no matter the time or location. We feel the pull of the Old World even as the younger generation strives for the prosperity, success and freedom afforded by America. We witness intense interpersonal conflicts and nuanced devotion between the main characters- conflicts and devotion that are mirrored by the passion of many for Armenia and by others for the promise of a new life in America. And we experience the pain of loss from the shattering tragedy that threatens to destroy all they have worked for. The characters are unforgettable, the language is melodious, the history is compelling.

I ordered this book because I thought it would be about the trials of the people who survived the genocide and how they survived, but it was just one big very dysfunctional family that kind of drove me nuts. I guess I should definitely read the synopsis first. It was an okay read, but not what I expected and I really didn't enjoy the characters very much.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Ash Tree Christmas Tree Pins: O Christmas Tree (Schiffer Book for Collectors) Bonsai Survival Manual: Tree-by-Tree Guide to Buying, Maintaining, and Problem Solving Help! Someone Just Gave Me A Bonsai Tree! The 7 Simple Steps To Keeping Your New Bonsai Tree Alive & Well (Bonsai For Beginners Book 1) Tree of Life, Tree of Knowledge: Conversations with the Torah The Best Tree House Ever: How to Build a Backyard Tree House the Whole World Will Talk About The Family Tree Polish, Czech And Slovak Genealogy Guide: How to Trace Your Family Tree in Eastern Europe Red Tree, White Tree: Faeries and Humans in Partnership Tiz Phoenix and the Witch's Tree: A Fantasy Adventure & Supernatural Mystery (The Celestial Tree Academy Book 1) Making Better Concrete: Guidelines to Using Fly Ash for Higher Quality, Eco-Friendly Structures The Cer

Site: An Ancient Village Buried by Volcanic Ash in Central America (Case Studies in Archaeology)
The Ceren Site: A Prehistoric Village Buried by Volcanic Ash in Central America (Case Studies in Archaeology Series) The Infinite's Ash From Sand and Ash Forged in Ash (A Red-Hot SEALs Novel Book 2) The Advent Jesse Tree: Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for the Coming of the Christ Child at Christmas Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve (Magic Tree House, No. 30) A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree Leprechaun in Late Winter (Magic Tree House (R) Merlin Mission) Magic Tree House Boxed Set, Books 13-16: Vacation Under the Volcano, Day of the Dragon King, Viking Ships at Sunrise, and Hour of the Olympics

[Dmca](#)