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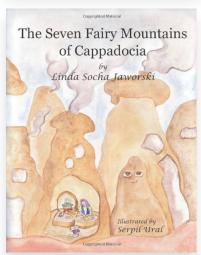
Venice and the Ottoman Empire

Family Reading Recommendations



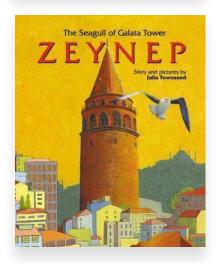
Song of the Old City by Anna Pellicioli (Author) and Merve Atilgan (Illustrator)

Follow one little girl on her busy day through the old city of Istanbul. From the Galata Bridge to the Grand Bazaar, the city opens its arms to her. Along the way, the generous people she meets share sesame rounds, hot tea, a boat ride, rose candy, pomegranate juice, and even a scrub in a Turkish bath! At every turn, she also finds a way to share what has been given to her so others can enjoy it too.



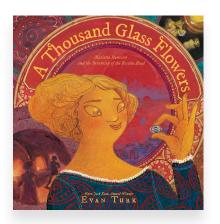
The Seven Fairy Mountains of Cappadocia by Linda Socha Jaworski (Author) and Serpil Ural (Illustrator)

Küçük, the smallest fairy mountain, is full of worry! Things are beginning to change in her village, and she desperately wants to help, but could she be part of the problem? Join Küçük and her sisters in the land of Cappadocia, where a timeless magical element still endures and wishes really do come true.



Zeynep: The Seagull of Galata Tower by Julia Townsend (Author and Illustrator)

Zeynep is the seagull of Galata Tower in the heart of historic Istanbul. She alone watches over the tower, and not even tired newcomer Fikret can rest there. But what happens when Zeynep gets hurt? Colorfully illustrated by the author, this universal story of friendship gives a glimpse into this fascinating city.



A Thousand Glass Flowers: Marietta Barovier and the Invention of the Rosetta Bead by Evan Turk (Author and Illustrator)

Marietta and her family live on the island of Murano, near Venice, in the early Renaissance. Her father, Angelo Barovier, is a true maestro of glass. Marietta longs to create gorgeous glass too! One day her father shows her how to shape the scalding-hot material into a work of art, and Marietta is mesmerized. Her skills grow and grow until, one day, she creates her own unique glass bead: the rosetta.



Ciao, Sandro! by Steven Varni (Author) and Luciano Lozano (Illustrator)

As the loyal first mate to gondolier Nicola, Sandro knows everything about his home, the beautiful city of Venice. Sandro and Nicola go everywhere together. But today, Sandro is venturing out on his own for the first time. He is on a very important secret mission! What is Sandro up to? And what friend will he meet along the way?



The Glass Horse of Venice by Arnold Zable (Author) and Anita Lester (Illustrator)

Each morning on her way to school, Claudia passes the glassblower's workshop and admires the animals in the window, especially the winged horses. One day, the glassblower calls Claudia inside and gives her a glass horse. It is beautiful, but its wings are broken, and Claudia only sees its imperfection. When a terrible storm floods their home, Claudia and her family have to leave. The glass horse is packed away, all but forgotten. Until one night, when the horse comes to life and takes Claudia flying through the sky, back to her beloved Venice.



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