

Download Turkish Reflections A Biography Of A Place

None comes close to Mary Lee Settle's Turkish Reflections. Settle who is a master of fictional history writing mixed travelogue, history, contemporary portrait and created a highly entertaining and informative work. In Turkish Perhaps it is no wonder, therefore, that she has written Turkish Reflections: A Biography of a Place as her contribution to Touchstone Books' "Destination Series," a series of travel books written by authors of recognized literary excellence, including Alice Adams and Thomas Keneally. So argues Mary Lee Settle, author of Turkish Reflections: A Biography of a Place, as she takes a fascinating and entertaining look at modern-day Turkey intertwined with references to the country's Hittite, Amazon, Greek, Roman, Seljuk and Mongol inhabitants of the past. Settle is in the enviable position of returning to compare nostalgic memories of her sojourn as an American expatriate in the Mediterranean seaside resort of Bodrum from 1972 to 1974 to the Turkey of 1989. Settle has something of a mission in Turkish Reflections, openly trying to address the negative prejudices she sees Americans holding about Turkey, and sometimes this seems to colour her presentation. She ends, for example, with a secondhand anecdote about Turkish and American prisoners-of-war in Korea, rather distant from the rest of the book.