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## Uncovering My Mother's Past

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Seven-year-old Sophia watches her mother leave their family home without a good-bye or explanation, a mysterious departure that becomes her worry stone. She is raised by her paternal grandmother and later her father's second wife. The mystery behind her mother's departure becomes the child's worry stone that is buried by time and distance. Decades later, when she returns to Greece from her adopted home in America, she uncovers a family story she had never been told. In this poignant memoir, the author illuminates her beloved country of origin, Greece, exhuming the past with compassion and curiosity.

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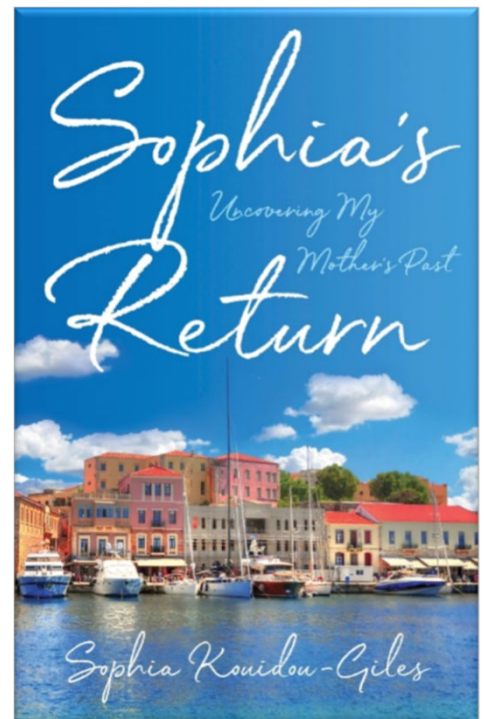
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