



BOOK TALK: Appointment with Yesterday

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THE BOOK: A poignant and compelling first novel, *Appointment with Yesterday* tells the story of Yanni, a cheeky and delightful Greek boy growing up in a small town on an island in the eastern Aegean.

Left in the care of his loving grandparents, Yanni endures the deprivation and terror of the German occupation during World War II, and finally leaves his beloved homeland and family to rejoin the parents who had left him behind to make a better life for themselves in America.

Filled with heartbreak and heartwarming stories of love, devotion, disenchantment, and dashed dreams, *Appointment with Yesterday* is, ultimately, the story of hardships overcome and a determined boy's journey toward finding his destiny.

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CHRISTOPHER STRATAKIS was born and raised in Greece. After moving to America, he graduated from Drexel University in 1951 and New York University School of Law in 1955. Shortly after joining the law firm of Poles, Tublin & Patestides in 1960, he became a partner, specializing in admiralty and corporate law. He has written and published several articles, lectured on professional and historical subjects, served as Legal Advisor to several non-profits (*pro bono*), and was an arbitrator in maritime disputes. In addition to *Appointment with Yesterday*, he is the author of *Mnimes "Memories"* (2010), a book of essays, short stories, and poems which he wrote as a teenager. In 2015, he co-edited *Chians on Parallel Roads*, a book published by Panchiaki "Korais" Society of New York. He has been an Archon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate since 1998 and serves as the Legal Adviser of the Order of Saint Andrew. In recognition of his extensive community involvement, he has been the recipient of numerous awards from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America as well as governmental and educational institutions. In 2002, he and his wife, Mary, endowed a chair in corporate governance and accountability at Drexel University.

Mr. Stratakis lives with his wife in New York City. He is the proud father of three and grandfather of three. *Appointment with Yesterday* is his first novel.

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