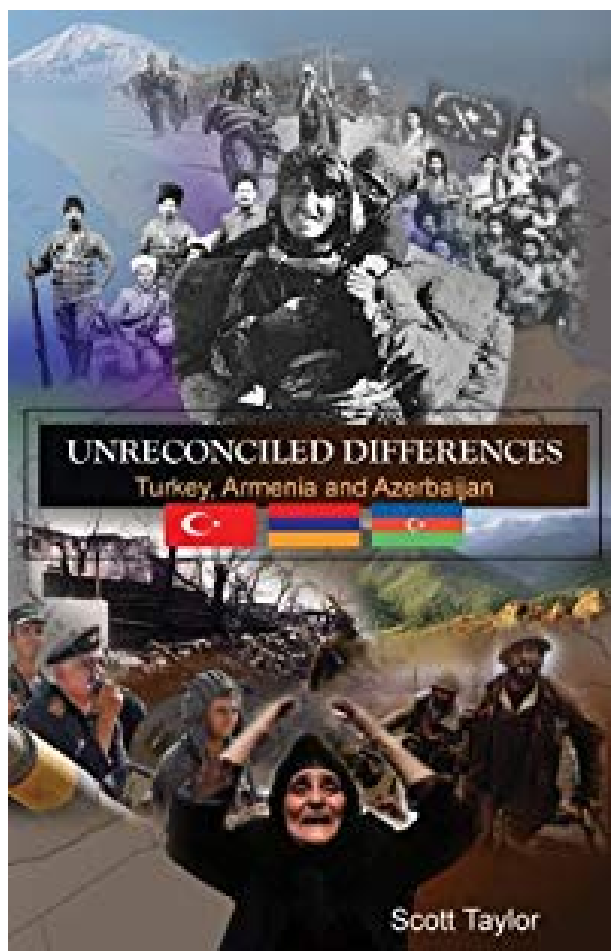


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During the Past century, there have been two major clashes in the Anatolia-Caucasus region, both resulting in the widespread slaughter and forced expulsion of innocent civilians from all sides. The first occurred when the strain of the Great War caused the collapse of both the Ottoman Empire and Czarist Russia. The second conflict erupted between 1988 - 1994, when the disintegration of the Soviet Union left a temporary power vacuum in the Caucasus, and the new republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia battled over the sovereignty of Nagorno-Karabakh. What these two conflicts also share is that few in the West have observed, chronicled, or been able to fully understand the complexity of the situation.

Those existing accounts are rife with partisan propaganda and widely divergent assessments. Unfortunately, the unreconciled differences of their shared history continue to negatively impact the lives of the Turks, Armenians and Azeris in the present. If left unresolved, this will prevent their progress towards a peaceful and mutually beneficial coexistence in the future. This book draws from historical research and personal investigation conducted by author/journalist Scott Taylor in order to better understand the contextual realities of these conflicts as well as why so little about them is known in the west.