



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cocoon insect
 - 5 Former Korean president
 - 9 Genetic letters
 - 12 Dunlin bird
 - 13 Male noble
 - 14 Edible root
 - 15 Sayings (suf.)
 - 16 Vex
 - 18 Having (suf.)
 - 20 Shout
 - 21 Formula
 - 23 Fish with bait on the surface
 - 24 Buddhist monk in nirvana
 - 25 Held a session
 - 26 Offense
 - 29 Trouble
 - 30 Mortar mixer
 - 31 Shoshonean
 - 32 River into the North Sea
 - 33 Cistern
 - 34 Oriental
 - 36 Month abbr.
 - 37 Jot

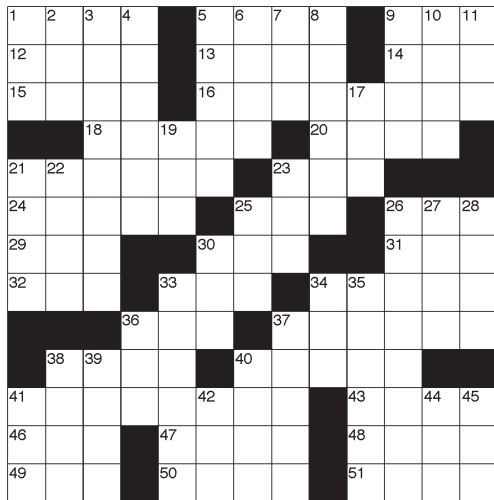
- 38 Fetish
 - 40 Fundamental
 - 41 Incense ingredient
 - 43 Rubbish: Brit.
 - 46 Anecdotes
 - 47 Work (Sp.)
 - 48 United States Dept. of Agriculture (abbr.)
 - 49 Ten decibels
 - 50 Corner
 - 51 Wampum
- DOWN**
- 1 Greek letter
 - 2 Caribbean lizard
 - 3 Card game
 - 4 Abbey (Sp.)
 - 5 Queen (Fr.)
 - 6 Stag
 - 7 Slip
 - 8 Educate
 - 9 Old Eng. gold piece
 - 10 National (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 11 Soul or spirit (Fr.)
- 17 Flap
- 19 Choose
- 21 Electric catfish
- 22 Great Lake
- 23 Flat fish
- 25 Pouch
- 26 Bag
- 27 Italic (abbr.)
- 28 Haw. goose
- 30 Mortar beater
- 33 Seamark
- 34 S.A. sloths
- 35 Rile (2 words)
- 36 Coniferous tree
- 37 Muslim divorce
- 38 Without (Ger.)
- 39 Semitic deity
- 40 Pressure (pref.)
- 41 Public vehicle (abbr.)
- 42 Or best offer (abbr.)
- 44 Food and Drug Admin. (abbr.)
- 45 Cigarette: Brit. slang



Sisters Set Bar High with First Novel

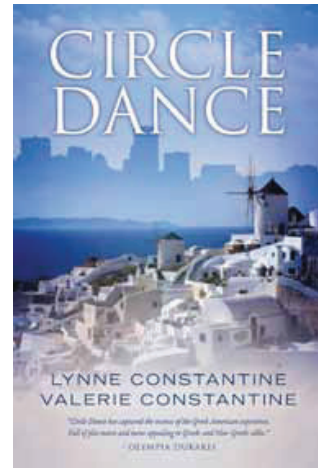
By Maria A. Karamitsos

CHICAGO--- Valerie and Lynne Constantine, both avid readers who love to write and create stories, have collaborated on their very first novel, titled, “Circle Dance,” set in Baltimore and Ikaria.

Always close, despite their 13-year age difference, the sisters — and their two brothers — grew up in Baltimore. Their father hailed from Permata, Turkey and their mother from the island of Ikaria.

Valerie married young; family responsibilities put her dreams on hold. Once the children were grown, she returned to school, completing her degree in English literature. She’s an active community volunteer. Aside from writing newsletters and annual reports for causes dear to her heart, “Circle Dance” is her first published work.

From a young age, Lynne’s true love was reading and making up stories, though she didn’t begin writing seriously until after college. She worked in marketing for years, allowing her to use her creative talents, but it didn’t



give her a true outlet. Though she ascended the corporate ladder, she wasn’t happy; something was missing.

A few years later, while discussing that “something,” they decided to write a book together. As they pondered their subject matter, they realized

that few stories were about Greek-American families. It was from these musings that the idea for “Circle Dance” was born.

“I have always felt blessed to be part of a heritage that is so naturally welcoming and kind. Being Greek connects us all in a way that I have difficulty explaining to my non-Greek husband. ‘Circle Dance’ is all about those invisible bonds and shared traditions that have

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been handed down to each of us,” explained Lynne.

The story centers on the Parsenis Family, a fully assimilated Greek-American family—but one that never lost its appreciation for its heritage and traditions.

The story begins on the island of Ikaria. It’s the end of summer vacation for the two sisters—the last summer before everything changes—Theodora is to be married that fall. They expect things to change, but never in their wildest dreams did they imagine what the future held. These sisters were always very close, but many events would bring the entire family even closer.

In “Circle Dance,” we encounter many twists and turns in the lives of this family. What we always get back to is the cohesiveness of the family, that bond that can’t be broken. The Parsenis Family is your family. They’re extremely proud of their roots; they work hard, and they give back. But things happen. In happiness and in sorrow, you lean on your family. Family sticks together. It’s

an enduring type of love that cannot be shattered. It’s our shelter from the storm.

The Constantine sisters have created characters you become invested in; they’re real and identifiable. They’re people you know. This book is a page-turner; it’s one you’ll be staying up way too late to read because you can’t put it down. This story will resonate with Greeks and non-Greeks alike.

“Life is like our circle dance. When you are behind someone who knows the steps, you follow. When the leader stumbles, you step in and show the way. But sometimes, when the leader takes you too far in the wrong direction, you must break off and start a new line.” ~ sage advice from YiaYia Sophia in “Circle Dance.”

The book was first published 2004. It had a small promotional budget and changes in the authors’ lives left little time for promotion. They bought back the rights to the book, and last summer, the sisters convened for some tweaking. The result is well-worth the wait.

There’s more to come from these talented sisters. Valerie is currently penning a novel that takes place during the life of Jesus. Lynne is working on a thriller.

“Circle Dance” is available in paperback, Kindle, NOOK and iPad.

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