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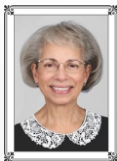
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Unexpected Grace: A Life in Two Worlds, Farifteh V. Robb / Illustrated throughout

## Description and Key Features

This memoir is the story of the author's life from her childhood in Switzerland, youth in Iran, postgraduate years in England, to her experiences in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, and her eventual return to Britain as a student nurse. The memoir describes her parents' early years in Persia in the first half of the twentieth century, their family life in the ensuing chaos of the Revolution, as well as the joy of the author's conversion and baptism in Tehran. It reflects candidly on some of the problems posed by her dual nationality at a time when Iranian politics were largely viewed negatively. This memoir is the story of a life which continues to be informed by the duality of Persian/Islamic and European/Christian cultures—a blend of identities which is becoming more common in an age of increased international exchanges. As such it is a book that will interest many readers in the present multicultural times.

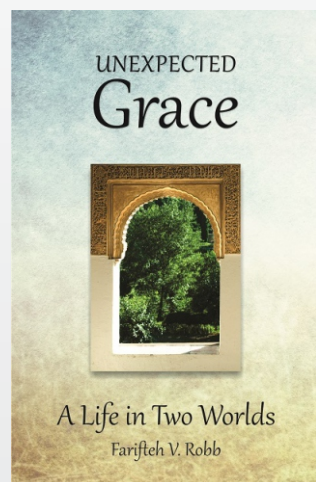
Farifteh Robb (née Hafezi) BA, MSc, PhD, began her career as an academic in Iran before re-training as a nurse and midwife in the UK. Born in Switzerland and raised as a Muslim in a Persian family, she has lived in Europe and the Middle East. She was baptized in Tehran during the final years of the Shah's reign and survived both the Islamic Revolution and its aftermath. Her subsequent move to Britain and marriage to a Scottish doctor have enabled her to embrace a new life greatly enhanced by her intimate connection with two cultures, two religions, and two very different professions.



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### Information at a Glance

Unexpected Grace:  
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Farifteh V. Robb  
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Love  
The Secret World of God  
Perfect Joy  
Chaos  
Rising from the Ashes  
Marriage  
Motherhood and a Scottish Mullah  
Four Last Things

### *A Note from the Editor*

It has been a joy to work with the author on this project! Farifteh Robb writes with eloquence, passion, grace, and humour. Readers will love her gentle style, her insightful comments, the deft touches she uses to establish atmosphere and setting, and her gentle appreciation of the spiritual world. She writes in a natural way of the transitions her life has made, from 1950s and 1960s Europe, through pre-Revolution Iran, the British Isles, the Iranian Revolution itself, and, for the greater part of her life, in the United Kingdom.



Depending on location, the author may be able to visit your audience to give a short presentation.

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