

Is It True What They Say About Holiday Relationships With Turkish Men? New Novel Explores Truth

Do you have, or know someone with a torrid ‘Turkish tale’ to tell ? Judging by the amount of online discussion and media interest in the subject, the controversy continues. But there are two sides to a (good) story, aren’t there?

July 21, 2011 (FPRC) -- – Less than two years ago Pamela Turton’s life, as she knew it, seemed to be collapsing around her. Having become a casualty of the world-wide Recession, with her first business failing in 2008, the value of her home plummeting, unable to meet the surmounting debts, distressed by the breakdown of her relationship with her Turkish partner through stress and separation, she wondered how she would survive and be able to provide for her two sons.

Except that Pamela was armed with faith, and believed in ‘the gift behind the problem’. It soon presented itself to her. You see, Pamela had always had a desire to be a writer. Having nothing left to lose, she had earlier edited a short novel, ‘Sister, Sister’, which she had written 16 years earlier, and self-published it, as well as a collection of poems she had written as a teacher in 2005. She had written articles based on applying positive psychology, which she compiled into the Metaphorm handbook for the programme she had created, and published that too.

However, the striking moment of inspiration came in late Sept. 2009, when things could not seem to get worse. Although Pamela rarely read magazines at that time, she felt drawn to the copy of ‘Take A Break’, on the bookshelf of her local supermarket. One of the headlines was about a ‘Holiday Justice Campaign’, but it was not until she opened it that Pamela realised the main article was another damning report about ‘Turkish Love Rats’. It was then she knew she had to write a novel, based on her own experiences and observations, during the visits and several months she had spent in Turkey, which would aim to tell a story from all sides.

Before her first trip to Turkey with her two sons in 2006, Pamela had been regaled with warnings about Turkish men. Sceptical, because she was relatively well-travelled, she felt that there was some unfair stereotyping in the warnings. However, she was disturbed by the predatory nature of a number of the men she encountered, and European women on holiday. Everyone, it seemed, had a torrid ‘Turkish tale’ to tell. Judging by the amount of online discussion, and the popularity of TV documentaries, such as ‘Manhunters, our Turkish Toyboys’, and ‘The Turkish Wives Club’, the controversy continues.

But Pamela had witnessed first-hand what goes on, and gained some insight into the motives and attitudes of the tourists and tourist workers. Her novel, ‘Selling Short’ explores these relationships, and the values and beliefs behind the behaviour of the main characters.

‘Selling Short’ is available on Amazon and Kindle, and has already received great reviews. To check them out: | <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B004PVSONU>

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