

## Short Bio

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#### **#1 In the back seat**

The first book in the Trilogy, In the Back Seat (Ikaros Publishing, 2016) won **PUBLIC Prize for Best Greek Novel of 2017.**

## The book



The first story of the crime novel series starring homicide detective Haris Kokkinos.

A theatrical director is viciously murdered in the basement of Plaka Theatre in Athens, Greece. Homicide Detective Harris Kokkinos and his colleagues must unravel a case expected to attract public attention. They will soon realise that the motive is hidden in the director's dark past, and start detangling a thread of common secrets, dissimulation and violence, in the heart of the city.

At the same time, the son of 45-year old Haris Kokkinos is arrested facing charges that will force him to dive into his family background. The time pressure, the sealed lips, prove that things are never simple for those sitting in the back seat. In a society where everyone is guilty, some people will pay the price and Haris Kokkinos is among them.

The investigations build a fresco comprised of Athenian citizens, starring in a story that would have not existed if the city itself did not exist, and nothing will be left in darkness under its bright sun.

## #2 Halcyon days

The second book, Halcyon Days (Ikaros Publishing, 2017) was shortlisted for the **PUBLIC Prize for Best Greek Novel of 2018** and the **Literary Magazine KLEPSYDRA**.

## The book



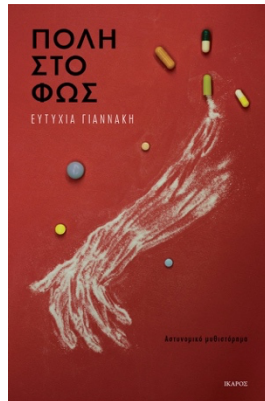
considered innocent.

A young girl from Ghana is found murdered, at the largest shopping centre in Athens, Greece. Homicide Detective Haris Kokkinos and his team are summoned to deal with a case wrapped around them like a ball of yarn, while the clock is ticking. The maelstrom in which the detective will be found, including his past and the relationship with his jailed son will force him to balance on a tightrope in order to shed light on the case and ultimately to himself. In a society unable to protect the weak, no one can be

### #3 City in the light

The third book, *City under the light* (Ikaros Publishing, 2018) was shortlisted for the **PUBLIC Prize for Best Greek Novel of 2019**.

The book



A pregnant woman, with a career in modelling, is viciously murdered in her house at Kavouri. As Homicide Detective Haris Kokkinos and his colleagues start unravelling the crime, they will confront expectations that were disappointed, doping channels in sports, and a circle of violence which had begun in Serbia of 1995 to end up in Athens of 2014.

At the same time, the son of the 45-year old Detective is standing trial for accusations which are testing his tolerance, as he is seeking his own responsibilities for the mistakes of the past.

In this case everyone is a suspect and the interrogations bring into the light a city which has become a closed room. The question is, how far can you go when you have nothing to lose anymore. When you realise that hope is not the last to die.

The story constitutes the last part of the Athens Trilogy, and it would not exist hadn't there been for the city itself, its light and its darkness.

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**Crime fiction series “The Trilogy of the Deep Sea”, starring Detective Haris Kokkinos.**

### #4 Little God's Disease

The fourth book, *Little God's Disease* (Ikaros Publishing, 2020) was ranked No.5 in the top 10 for best Greek Novels of 2020 by Athens Voice newspaper and No.4 for iBooks Bestsellers in March 2021.

## The book



A woman is found dead on her boat at the south end of the greek island of Paros. Police officer Haris Kokkinos will get involved in a case that will make him dive deep into the island's small society, it's dark past, strange souvenirs, an antiquities trafficking ring, families which makeup the perfect crime lab, and finally his own abyssal depths, where the light merges with the dark.

Little God's Disease, Eftychia Giannaki's new crime novel, marks her return into the dark and pliable universe of Police officer Haris Kokkinos with the first part of a new crime novel series titled "Trilogy of the Deep Sea". The sharp eye on the society, the total immersion into the human psyche, even the boundaries of crime fiction itself, are all found in the centre of a story that spreads its mesh from the heart of the greek Cyclades islands throughout Europe.

"It is a Little God. Do you know who they call little god?"

"I have no idea".

"It doesn't take much fantasy".

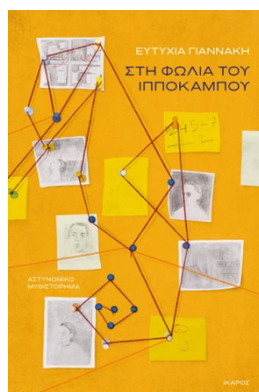
"I don't understand any of this. My mind is made only for numbers".

"It's the head of an Eros, the god of love. Eros is called Little God".

## #5 In the seahorse's nest

The fifth book, In the Seahorse's Nest (Ikaros Publishing, 2021) climbed as high as to No.4 in the top 10 for best Greek Novels of 2021 in all the main bookstores bestsellers listings.

## The book



An active fighting journalist is found dead in the swimming pool of a penthouse at the Kolonaki area of Athens, in her ex-husband's flat, a distinguished painter, who remains missing. On her chest she has an enormous tattoo of a seahorse. The media and the public opinion get uptight over the crime, with every possible murder scenario remaining open until the very end.

While unravelling this case, taking place between the island

of Hydra and the city of Athens, police officer Haris Kokkinos and his team are confronted with domestic violence incidents, art networks, the boundaries of creativity and the sealed lips of a small society, which can equally exist either on an island or in the heart of a capital city.

This book consists the second part of the “Trilogy of the Deep Sea”, a malleable universe, a deep sea which devours everything but our stories, true in their lies and false in their truth, with us strongly believing that by now we know how the game is played, each time realizing that this is not enough, that in the seahorse’s nest none of us is innocent.

This would have been a great case for a crime novel, hadn’t i received an email from the victim just the night before its murder and hadn’t i known that the seahorses swim upstream until their hearts literally break.

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## Children’s literature



Mystery at Lake Spick and Span  
Teensy-Guinsies #1

Published: May 2019

Publisher: Ikaros

Available now on:  ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ



Disappearance at Pitsi Pitsou  
Teensy-Guinsies #2

Published: October 2019

Publisher: Ikaros

Available now on:  ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ



The big Pits Party  
Teensy-Guinsies #3

Published: September 2020

Publisher: Ikaros

Available now on:  ΕΚΔΟΣΕΙΣ ΙΚΑΡΟΣ

The series of children’s literature “Teensy-Guinsies - My first detective stories”, starring detective Little Blue: Mystery at Lake Spick and Span / Teensy-Guinsies #1 Mystery at Lake Spick and Span (Ikaros Pub 2019)  
#2 Disappearance at Pitsi Pitsou (Ikaros Pub 2019)  
#3 The big Teensy Party (Ikaros Pub 2020)

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## Theatrical plays

“The mammals” was one of the best three plays of Young Play Writers Lab, and staged at Michael Cacoyannis Foundation, directed by George Lyras (July 2017). The play was translated in english and published in a bilingual edition by the Greek Playwriters Union (sponsored by The National Bank of Greece).



“Wonderful War” | presented at Beep theatre (December 2016 - January 2017)

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### **Participation in collaborative works**

In the King’s Shadow | Klidarithmos Publishing, short story “Greek Gods” (November 2017)

The First Stop | Klidarithmos Publishing, which along with the radio station Athens 9.84, participated in organising the event “Athens 2018 Global Books Capital”, short story “In a place of greener pastures...”

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### **Earlier days**

In the past, her novel titled “Hardcore” was published (Oceanida publishings), under the pen name Aleka Laskou. In 2004 the book was adapted for a movie, which came out under the same title “Hardcore - The movie”, directed by Dennis Iliadis.

A detailed CV of Eftychia Giannaki is available on [Linkedin](#)