



Publication date: 20 September 2024

Price: R320,00

Pages: 340

Format: 234mm x 152mm

Binding: Paperback / softback

Category: Biography

ISBN-13: 9781990973857

Barcode: 9781990973857

Edition: 1

Impression: 0

Digital Edition

Publication Date: 20 September 2024

Price: R275,00

Epub ISBN: 9781990973864

* Price is subject to change

"Utterly charming —a vivid and important piece in the jigsaw of South African stories." - Michele Magwood

Costa Ayiotis

Matriarchs, Meze and the Evil Eye –

A memoir

In this charming and humorous coming-of-age memoir, young Costa finds himself in the middle of a tempestuous matriarchal triangle. His sulky, young mother Victoria is forced to share her home and her kitchen with both her conservative Greek mother-in-law and her bossy, divorced sister-in-law. A raucous war in the kitchen between the three women takes place, not only for oven territory but they also compete for the affection of their beloved "Kostaki" by spoiling him with endless culinary treats.

Young Costa, the bemused (and often confused spectator and narrator) watches how his hard-working, cotton trader father must try and navigate the three demanding women's endless complaints and demands. And then there's the evil eye of envy ...

As the prequel to the smash hit *My Big Fat Greek Taverna*, *Matriarchs* is an intricately woven portrait of the Greek immigrant experience, telling the poignant and often comic tale of a family trying to navigate South Africa in the 1960's and 70s.

About the author



Costas Ayiotis is a former lawyer, UN diplomat and restaurateur. He obtained a BA LLB and MA in Applied Ethics from Wits. He represented South Africa at the United Nations in New York where he reported on the Iraq war in the Security Council. He is Joburg based and loves writing, travelling and cooking to relax.

Media Enquiries

Contact: Jean Pieters

Tel: 021 406 3033

Email: jpieters@nb.co.za

Melinda Ferguson Books is an imprint of NB Publishers

Tel: +27 (0) 21 406 3033

Website: www.nb.co.za