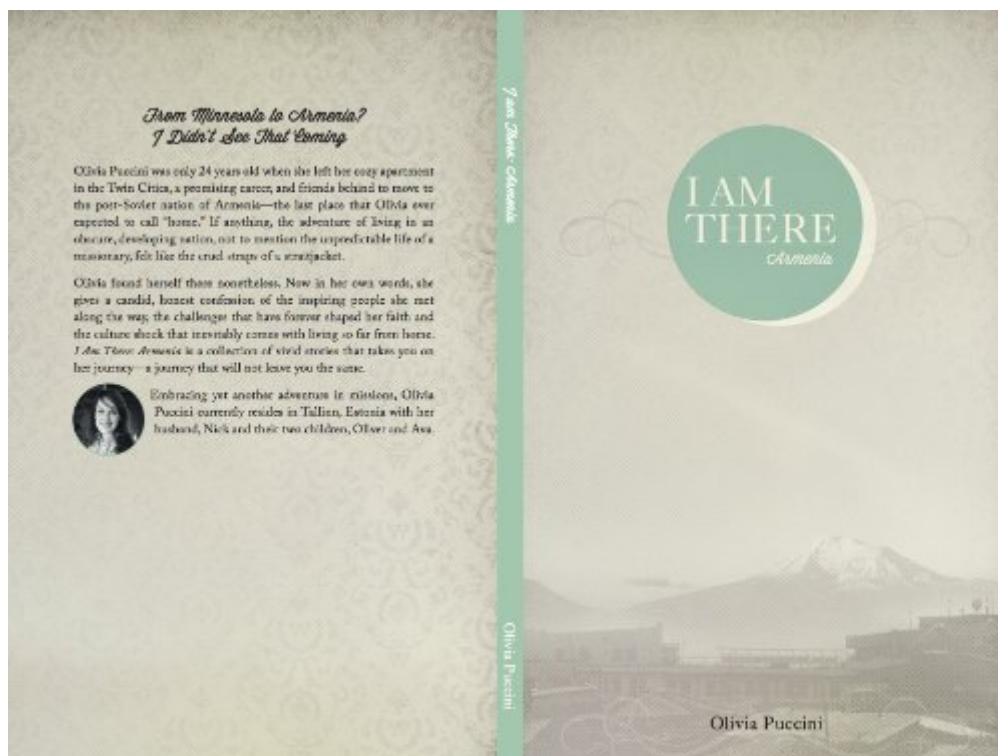


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I Am There: Armenia



Synopsis

Olivia Puccini was only 24 years old when she left her cozy apartment in the Twin Cities, a promising career, and friends behind to move to the post-Soviet nation of Armenia—the last place that Olivia ever expected to call “home.” If anything, the adventure of living in an obscure, developing nation, not to mention the unpredictable life of a missionary, felt like the cruel straps of a straitjacket. Olivia found herself there nonetheless. Now in her own words, she gives a candid, honest confession of the inspiring people she met along the way, the challenges that have forever shaped her faith and the culture shock that inevitably comes with living so far from home. *I Am There: Armenia* is a collection of vivid stories that takes you on her journey—a journey that will not leave you the same. Embracing yet another adventure in missions, Olivia Puccini currently resides in Tallinn, Estonia with her husband, Nick and their two children, Oliver and Ava.

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Customer Reviews

I write with a specific bias, but who doesn't? As someone preparing to take a trip to Armenia, this book provided some great insight into a rich culture, and helps me to better understand a culture and country I've never experienced. Christian or not, this unique perspective seems to undeniably tell the story of faithfulness on the part of both the follower and the leader. Though situations and directions may not always seem clear, faith is sure, and not blind. If you've ever wanted to know what it's like to completely step outside of your comfort zone and plunge head first into a great unknown, this book offers that story and more.

I enjoyed reading this but was disappointed that there were not enough Armenian recollections. Something seemed missing and I continually looked for it but didn't find it.

This is an honest and vulnerable look at the life journey and emotions of a young woman who answers the call of God and travels to Armenia with her husband on their first missionary term. Told with candor, I recommend this to anyone (not just those considering foreign service) who occasionally looks at the call of God on their life with some hesitation.

Olivia! You make me want to see Armenia. I felt like I was walking the streets with you! Thank you for sharing some of the real struggles for new (and seasoned) missionaries. Whoever reads this will have a new appreciation for those serving in foreign lands.

I enjoyed reading this story of a missionary's experience in Armenia. She describes a warm loving people who have endured much but have persevered and flourished through God's love and faithfulness. God has a plan for these wonderful people!

This book is a great look inside the life of a missionary - their real feelings and experiences that may not always be told. I know the author personally and love her honesty and heart for God. A must read for anyone interested in being a missionary or who loves missions stories.

Your words made me feel like I was there. What a beautiful heart you have Olivia! May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

This book was such a joy to read! I especially loved the sweet family stories, and testimonies of God's provision!!

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