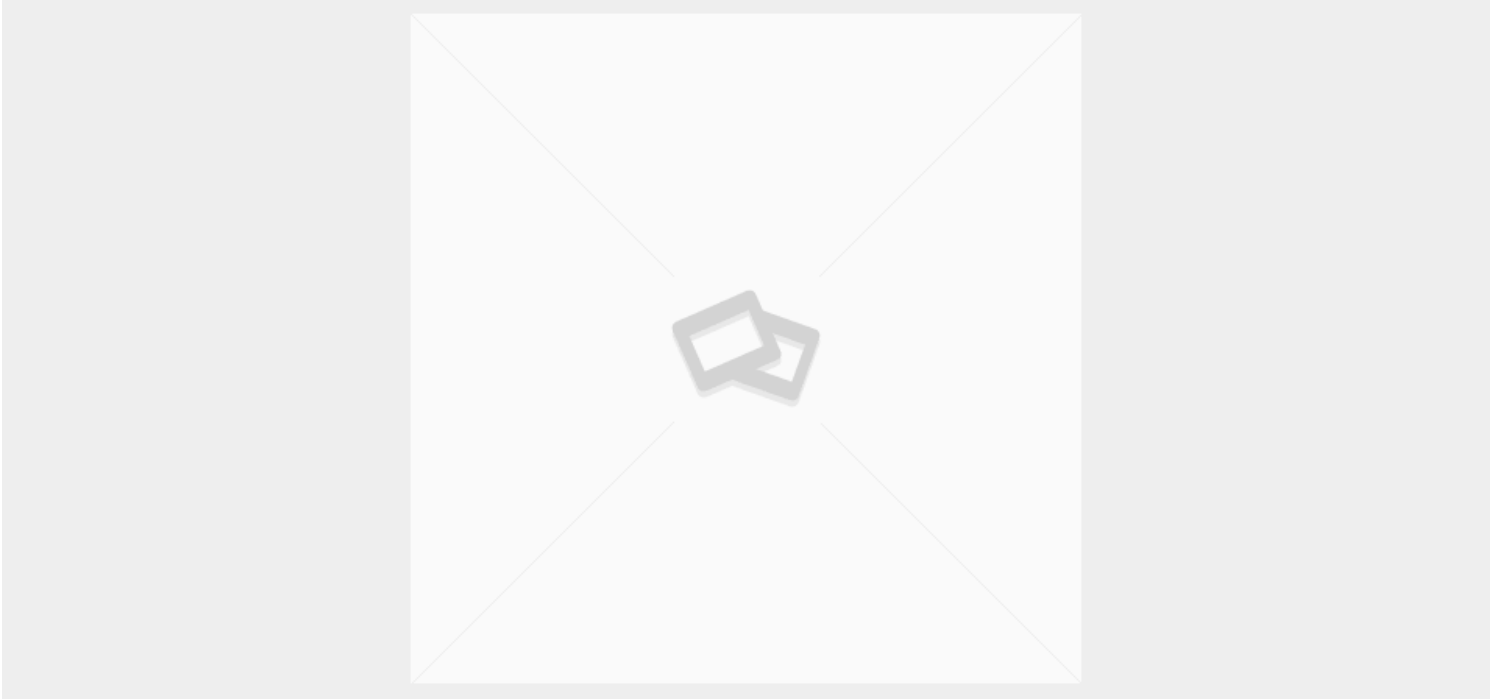
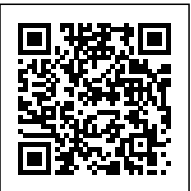


COMMEMORATING WWI CANADIAN INTERNMENT

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She pointed out that it was a "sad irony that people (Alevis, Armenians, Assyrians) who had fled the oppressive Ottoman regime" were labeled 'Turks' by the Canadian government and interned for that false identification. She said the same verdict was meted to Ukrainians who had left the oppressive Austro-Hungarian Empire but were interned for having come from that state.

After the ceremonies, Ms. Skrypuch, who has written five books on the Armenian Genocide, unveiled her latest book—"Dance of the Banished". The novel--a love story based in Dersim--is published by Pajama Press, distributed in the US by Orca Book Publishers, in Canada by UTP Distribution and [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca)

