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## Let's Speak Turkish!

Nicole lived in Turkey for seven years and has a great love for the rich and melodic Turkish language. Because of this, she used the Turkish spellings in the book. Here she offers you this guide to reading and understanding those names.

To start, there are 29 letters in the Turkish alphabet and 26 letters in the English alphabet.

Seven letters exist in the Turkish alphabet - Ü, İ, Ö, Ç, Ğ, Ş – that do not exist in the English alphabet; and there are three letters that exist in the English alphabet - Q, X, W – that do not exist in the Turkish alphabet.

Begüm = Bay gum

Kenan = Kay nahn

Feyza = Fey zA

Ayşen = Eye shen

Işın = U shun

Nihat = Ni hAt

Esra = Es rA

Yeşim = Yay shim

Çiğdem = Chi dem

Emre = Em ray

Evrım = Ev rym

Kök = Koke

Kayaköy = Ka ya koey

Ayşe = Eye sha



Bunny is originally from Istanbul, Turkey. When Mommy's friend Feyza was 7 years old she lovingly selected Bunny from a shelf at a shop in Istanbul. Mommy has been traveling with Bunny ever since and whenever she has a chance, Bunny is happy to return to Turkey.





Dariusşafaka  
Graduation

Once we went to Turkey for the graduation of Kenan, brother of Feyza and close friend of Bunny and Bearli. We were all proud to see him march across the stage in his robe. The next day we left Istanbul for the seaside.

On that trip we discovered the village of Kabak with Begüm, and now grown-up, Feyza. Kabak was magical, at once in the mountains and on the seaside. We promised to go back again.  
**This is the story of our return.**







After a full day's travel - car, two airplanes, a shuttle bus, another car and walking - we arrived. It was midnight and a chorus of cicadas singing their love songs at top volume greeted us. Under a full moon we slipped through the secret passage between the home of Begüm and our holiday home at Kök Camp.