



A LONG, LOST STORY

Written by Christos Papoutsy,

Ships of Mercy: The True Story of the Rescue of the Greeks, Smyrna, September 1922, is a moving and well-documented story about the Great Fire of Smyrna—with a Y connection.

Published in April, the book, which recounts the rescue of thousands of Greek refugees on the Smyrna quay, is based on more than 10 years of research by Papoutsy and his wife, Mary.

For more than 80 years, many accounts of the rescue claimed that American and Allied warships were in the Smyrna harbor but provided no assistance to the civilians. But as the Papoutsys searched for the truth, they dispelled those myths and uncovered an amazing tale: the story of Asa Jennings.

Jennings, a shy American worker with the YMCA, did all he could to secure the evacuation of hundreds of

thousands of people. Driven by his moral convictions, he engineered a miraculous rescue effort, and for his actions he was named Admiral of the Greek Navy. Later, Jennings was doubly honored by Greece, receiving the country's highest military and civilian accolades.

Ships of Mercy is available through most major bookstores or online via www.enfieldbooks.com/orderform.pdf. ■