

In Search of Truth: Memoir and History with Sofia Samatar (S2:E4)

“Everybody’s stories are entangled.”

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Welcome to *In Search Of*, a podcast where we go in search of voices and perspectives that inform and expand a life of faith. In this episode, [Amy](#) speaks with author Sofia Samatar about her memoir *The White Mosque* and her pilgrimage to Uzbekistan in search of Mennonites who left Russia in the 19th century to follow a charismatic preacher to Central Asia, where Christ was supposed to return. Sofia reckons with her Mennonite and Muslim identities, the history of missions, and what it means to tell stories about yourself and others in this episode of *In Search Of*. A transcript of this episode is available [here](#).

Sofia Samatar is the author of several books, including *A Stranger in Olondria*, an award-winning epic fantasy that was included in Time Magazine's list of the 100 Best Fantasy Books of All Time and Esquire's list of the 50 Best Fantasy Books of All Time. Her short story collection *Tender* features the Hugo and Nebula finalist "Selkie Stories Are for Losers." Her most recent book is *The White Mosque*.

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