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## MARATHON *a novel*

In this Grecophile's delight, Marianna, a partner in a New York City law firm, is feeling guilty after missing her father's funeral when she finds a photograph of a childhood friend of her parents. This leads her to former marathon runner, scholar, and slave Ion Theodore and eventually to Greece, where she muses on her life's emptiness and begins to unravel the past. Ion's journals, which she finds hidden at the base of a Madonna and Child sculpture in a monastery, tell of his experiences as a slave of the Ottomans and training as an Olympic runner with the legendary Spyridon Louis, marathon winner in the 1896 Olympic Games. Woven throughout is the story of the great love of Ion's life, lost to war's cruel turns of fate. This is the first title for Starlight Runner Entertainment's new Kissena Park Press imprint and a debut novel for Winokur, once a student of the real-life Ion Theodore at the Horace Mann School in Riverdale, NY. This could be a big hit. For all libraries.

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