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7 p m Tuesday, March 7

Reading, Discussion & Booksigning

## SOPHIA: A WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR TROY



**S***SOPHIA* is an historical novel inspired by the true life experiences of Sophia Schliemann. She was the world's first female archaeologist who, with her famous husband Heinrich, the father of modern-day archaeology, discovered and excavated the citadels of ancient Troy and Mycenae. In their discoveries, they breathed life into the golden age of Homer's *ILLIAD* and the great legend of the Trojan War. In *Sophia*, Schliemann is portrayed as herself, at first a reluctant participant in her husband's obsessive search for Troy. She ultimately becomes his greatest ally, most capable colleague, his friend and lover. It is Sophia who first realizes that if there was a Troy, so must there be the Greek citadel across the Aegean Sea. The historical citadel from which General Agamemnon and his thousand ships have come. It is Sophia who discovers the grave circle at Mycenae, fulfilling her promise, not only to her husband, but as a Greek. Sophia was the one who breathed life into the legends of her own unique Greek heritage. Also to her credit and before the age of thirty, Sophia discovered the Great Bronze Age. All of this and more are a part of the story so carefully constructed by Nancy Joaquim, presented in this book.

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