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### ELLI PEONIDOU

#### BIOGRAPHY

Elli Peonidou was born on 3 November, 1940 in the village of Vasa, near Limassol, Cyprus. She later studied in Athens. She is married to the author Panicos Peonides with whom she has two children and three grandchildren.

Writing has always been her main occupation. She has collaborated with various newspapers and magazines in Cyprus and Greece and has worked on radio and television. She has lived at various times in Nicosia, Athens and New York. She and her husband now divide their time between Limassol, close to the sea, and Vasa, close to vineyards.

Elli Peonidou has published around thirty books, including poetry, novels and books for children and young adults. She has also written literary reviews and articles.

Her writings for children have been broadcast in episodes on radio and on television in the form of puppet theatre. Her plays for children have been staged by the Cyprus Theatre Organisation, the National Theatre of Bulgaria and by various Cypriot theatre companies.

Books by Elli Peonidou for children and adult readers have been translated and published in France, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Portugal, Romania and FYROM.

The author has adapted works by French, Russian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Turkish and other poets into Greek. Her own poems have been set to music by Cypriot and Greek composers. In collaboration with writers from Slovenia and Hungary, she has prepared two Anthologies of Cypriot Poetry, one for publication in each country.

Elli Peonidou has been awarded the Cyprus State Prize for Literature on a number of occasions and has won many other awards and literary honours. She is a member of the International Association of Literary Critics, the Association of Greek Writers of Greece and Cyprus, PEN and the Children's Book Association, and she has been a member of the International Jury for the Neustadt Prize for Literature sponsored by the University of Oklahoma.