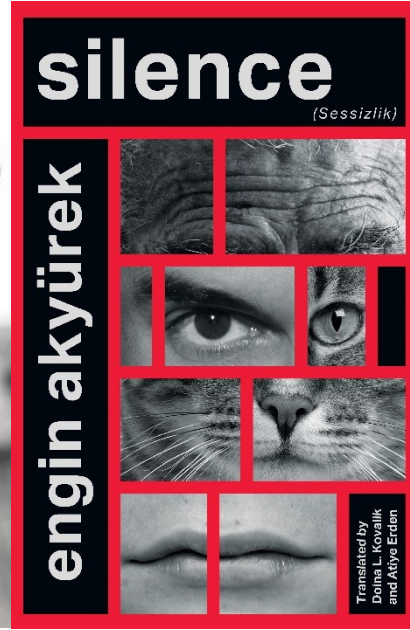




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**Since its release in 2018, Turkish movie and T.V. star Engin Akyürek's short story collection Silence has been published into several languages. Now Silence has been translated into English, bringing this stunning work to new audiences.**

Silence take us to Turkey and a time when people got to know people by looking in their eyes, to touch people by talking to them, and to understand each other by listening. The times when the kids were still kids, when they started a ball game as soon as they found an empty field, when neighbors stopped by uninvited, holidays were celebrated all together, the happiness and the sorrow shared by all. Akyürek brings us both the richness of Turkish day-to-day life but also the universal shared between all cultures—the need for community, connection, and of love.

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Born in 1981 in Ankara, Turkey, Engin Akyürek first came to fame in 2004 when he won the Türkiye'nin Yıldizlari (Turkey's Star) TV competition. Since then, his credits include five feature films and nine TV series. Throughout his career, Akyürek has always had a love of writing. He continues to express himself by writing short stories for the *Kafasına Göre* literary magazine.

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