



Minister of Economy of Romania Varujan Vosgianian, who considers himself both Armenian and Romanian, mentions that it's an honor to be an Armenian in Romania and that Romanians consider the Armenians 'efficient citizens'.

The Armenian minister says the reason why he knows Armenian well is because Armenian was his family's household language and adds that even though he didn't go to an Armenian school, he became an Armenian language teacher and opened his own Armenian Sunday school in Bucharest. "Unfortunately, there was a time when there were no Armenian schools in Bucharest and secular organizations were banned. Even though I wasn't a student, I went on to become a teacher. In 1978, I opened an Armenian Sunday school in Bucharest and taught Armenian language for 13 years," said Varujan Vosgianian. Vosgianian also told how his grandfather would write songs for him in Armenian and how proud he is to be in the independent Armenia and speak Armenian. Vosgianian's first visit to Armenia was during the independence referendum in 1991. At the time, Levon Ter-Petrosyan had suggested that he become Armenia's non-official consul in Romania, but Vosgianian had rejected the offer, saying that he represented the Armenian community of Romania and that he represented Romania abroad. "I consider myself Romanian and Armenian at the same time, even though the blood that flows in me is 100 percent Armenian," said Varujan Vosgianian, proudly.

Writer, political figure and founding President of the Union of Armenians of Romania Varujan Vosgianian is author of the novel *Book of Whispers*, which has been described as a discovery in literature. The *Book of Whispers* was released in 2009. It has been considered the best literary work of the year in Romania and has received the Grand Literary Prize of the Romanian Academy. The book has been translated into Italian, Spain, French and will be translated into

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Hebrew, Swedish, German and Bulgarian soon.

The opinions about the book vary, but everyone admires the book and considers it a rare masterpiece and one of the brilliant and valuable works in world literature over the past couple of years.

The author has mentioned that the book serves as an attempt to introduce foreign readers to Armenian customs, culture, songs, cuisine, the suffering of the Armenians and their expectations.

This sensational book tells about the horrible Armenian Genocide and how the deported Armenians try to survive abroad and it has been highly acclaimed by foreign presses and literary circles. "The Book of Whispers is a beautiful novel that is History in itself," writes El Pais newspaper. "Above all, Varujan Vosganian is the remorse of the Armenians, a writer who has inherited the memory from the victims and the survivors," added the Venezuelan El Nacional newspaper.