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Nearly 100 years ago, Sura, 10, fleeing the Armenian genocide, writes letters to her lost mother about her voyage and the struggle to get past inspectors and join her father in America. Visiting Ellis Island today, a young girl thinks of her great-great-grandmother coming through in the rush of immigrants long ago. Terse, boxed, archival quotes by real immigrants from all over Europe and moving sepia-tone photos extend the two fictionalized narratives. The constant switch in viewpoints is sometimes confusing, especially the contemporary child's overview, but the facts are as dramatic as the fiction, and Krudop's full-color gouache pictures extend Sura's story, showing the crowded ship, the exciting and confusing landing, the terrifying interrogations, and, finally, the reunion with Papa. Many readers will find connections with their own family stories, whether in the past or coming here today. *Hazel Rochman*

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About the Author

Louise Peacock, who has always been interested in history, took a PhD in medieval studies before turning to children's literature. Her first book, *Crossing the Delaware*, was inspired by a trip with her son to Washington's Crossing. The book, also told in many voices, was praised by *Booklist* with a starred review. At Ellis Island continues this unique method of historical exploration. Dr. Peacock lives in Haslett, Michigan.

Walter Lyon Krudop was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1966. He had his first painting lesson when he was eight years old and later studied illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York. He has illustrated a number of books for young readers, including *The Good-Night Kiss* and *Wake Up, Little Children* by Jim Aylesworth; *Black Whiteness* by Robert Burleigh; and *Crossing the Delaware* by Louise Peacock. He lives with his wife, Sara, in New York City.

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