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Cover: Armenian traditional dress on Armenian Highlands

## Abbreviations

AD	Anno Domini (in the year of the Lord), After Christ, CE (Common Era)		
ASSR	Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic	ANAS	Armenian National Academy of Sciences
BC	Before Christ	YSU	Yerevan State University (YSU)
C.	Century	SU	Soviet Union
CC	Centuries	SEUA	State Engineering University of Armenia
EA	Eastern Armenia	HMA	History Museum of Armenia.
GA	Greater Armenia		
LA	Lesser Armenia		
RA	Republic of Armenia		
WA	Western Armenia		
WWI	First World War		
WWII	Second World War		

## Armenian Alphabets

Աւ	Aa	as in Part	Փփ	Pp	Put
Բբ	Bb	Boy	Զզ	Kk	Kit
Գգ	Gg	Good	Եվ լ	Yev	
Դդ	Dd	Door	Օօ	Oo	Or
Եե	Yy, Ee	Yard, pet	Ֆֆ	Ff	Foot
Զզ	Zz	Zoo			
Էէ	Ee	Egg			
Ըը	e'	as in Turn			
Թթ	Tt	To			
Ժժ	Zh	as in Pleasure			
Իի	Ii, ea	as in Peak			
Լլ	Ll	Look			
Խխ	Kh	as X in Russian			
Ծծ	ds	as in dsar in Armenian meaning Tree			
Կկ	hard k	as in Krak in Armenian meaning Fire			
Հհ	Hh	House			
Ձձ	dz	as in dzoo in Armenian meaning Egg			
Ղղ	gh	as in R in French or german			
Ճճ	tch	Armenian Tchut meaning chicken			
Մմ	Mm	Mom			
Յյ	Yy	Yes			
Նն	Nn	No			
Շշ	Sh	Show			
Ոո	Vo, Oo	More			
Չչ	Ch	Chair			
Պպ	P'	Hard P as in Piti in Armenian meaning Must			
Ջջ	Jj	Jerm			
Ռռ	RR	Rock			
Սս	Ss	Sick			
Վվ	Vv	Verb			
Տտ	Th	Hard T as in Thun in Armenian meaning house			
Րր	Rr	Room			
Յյ	Ts	Hertz			
Ու ու	U in	Urmia			

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In 2016, I defined a new project to publish a set of my Encyclopedias in English which could have a wide audience these Works in 10 volumes are as follows:

- 1- *The Armenian Geographical Encyclopedia*
- 2- *The Armenian Biographical Encyclopedia*
- 3- *The Armenian Diaspora Encyclopedia*
- 4- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Political History*
- 5- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Science and Technology*
- 6- *The Armenian printing and publication Encyclopedia*
- 7- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian cultural monuments*
- 8- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Ethnography*
- 9- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Educational History*
- 10- *The Encyclopedia of the Armenian Historical Agreements*

Armenia is located between the East and the West, and was always the place of collisions between great empires of antiquity and the Middle Ages. During the more than 3,000 year-old history of Armenia many of these great empires has crossed the country and destroyed the cultural development of Armenia. As a result of these invasions, the culture of Armenia has been influenced and has undergone many changes. For a period of time the country had been torn apart, which has also left a deep imprint in its culture.

Despite this, Armenians have managed to preserve their culture and traditions, as well as their ethnic identity. It should be noted, though, that the culture of the country is diversified and includes features both of eastern and western civilizations.

The culture of Armenia is unique in many ways. Some of the most significant features of the culture

of our country are reflected in the most artistic fashion, in needlework, embellishments, carvings and design. Armenians acknowledge the importance of their culture for the survival of a small nation. The nation remains loyal to their traditions, their cultural heritage, as well as their mother tongue. Armenian culture has always been and still remains a means of maintaining a sense of national unity, not only in Armenia, but also the international Armenian community.

In this series of Encyclopedias some areas of the Armenian Culture and History have been presented. Each are is so rich that it is impossible to present them in full and even in multi-volume books, for example if we could document History and culture of ony the Armenians of in Iran in 10 volumes and 4,000 pages, we can imagine to present History and culture of the Armenian mainland will need to be compiled in hundreds of volumes.

That is why we have tried to present Armenian culture and history in 10 volumes as brief as possible, just to show a general image about the ancient people for English readers.

Armenian culture is so rich both by its chronology and length of history and in contents and multiple areas and fields, Architecture, Arts, literature, Ethnography and folklore, etc. Armenian Ethnography and folklore is one of the richest in the history of the world.

In the Appendices section there are some complementary sub-sections, so that the reader can have better and deeper understanding of the Armenian cultural heritage.

I'd like to appreciate any comments and suggestions to my potential errors for them I need to apologize, I will do my best to improve the quality of this research for the next printings .

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