FARUK BALKAYA

Born as the second child of a family coming from Sızır—Sivas—Turkey— a nice village famous for water springs, waterfalls and forests, on December 28, 1965, Faruk Balkaya, is a writer, a poet, a sportsman, a professional tour guide and an educator. He attended Cevdet Sunay and Selçuk primary schools. Having graduated from the mentioned primary school, he attended Kayseri İmam Hatip Lisesi. Graduating from high school, in 1983, he took the university entrance examination and won the right to attend English Language Teaching Department at Ondokuzmayıs University, Educational Faculty, Foreign Languages Department in Samsun. After having graduated from university in 1987, he took the proficiency examination made by The Turkish Ministry of National Education. He was successful, so he was appointed to Pınarbaşı, a nice town of Kayseri, as an English teacher. In 1988, he took the examination made by Erciyes University for the post of being an instructor in the Foreign Languages Department. Having succeeded the exam he was appointed to Nevşehir Tourism and Hotel Management College as an English Language Lecturer. He taught English in that college for three years. In addition to teaching at university, when in Nevşehir, he worked not only as a PR in different camp sites but as a Professional Tour Guide for different tourism agencies, as well. In 1993, having won a scholarship by Fulbright, he did his master degree at Bilkent University. Faruk Balkaya, still teaching English at Erciyes University, has been working at Erciyes University since 1988. Faruk Balkaya, who has published five books; “İngilizce Rehber-Guide for English Language”, “Mastering OYS, Proficiency & KPDS through Tests”, “İngilizce Gramer”, “My English Book” and “Mastering English” still continues to write such books as A Guide for Cappadocia-the masterpiece of Primitive or Advanced Civilization, To learn or not to learn English and How to master translation from Turkish to English etc. Faruk Balkaya, who has been doing his second M.A. degree on Art History, is married and has two sons.

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