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## Irena Minella Gjoni

**Irena Minella Gjoni** was born in Saranda. Received her Ph.D. with focus on Albanian Literature as well as Master of Sciences from the Department of Phylology at the University of Tirana, Albania. Gjoni has also earned a B.A. in Albanian Literature and linguistics. For a number of years has worked as a journalist in a number of newspapers and TV stations. Currently serves as an adjunct professor in the University of Tirana, Saranda Campus and Literature Professor at the "Hasan Tahsini" High School.

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Books published:

"A Tattoo on the Sea's heart" Poetry, 2003

"Relations of Ionian Culture and Mythology with those abroad," Ph.D. Thesis, 2008

"Loves of a half shape," fiction writing, 2010

"Mountain peaks and Ionian Magma," Poetry, 2011

