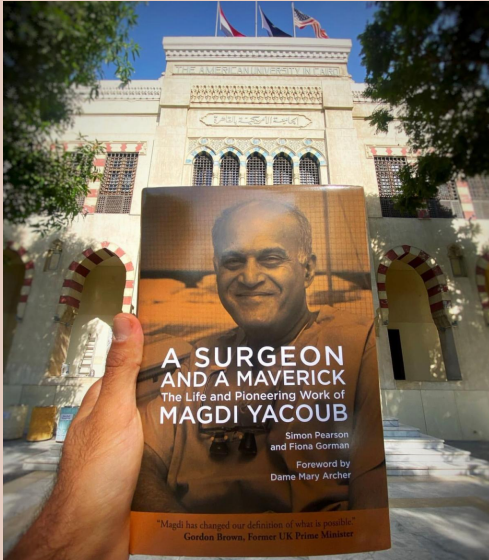




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September 29 is 'World Heart Day'

A Surgeon and a Maverick: The Life and Pioneering Work of Magdi Yacoub, the first authorized biography of the extraordinary surgeon and humanitarian Sir Magdi Yacoub, is now available in Egypt and will be released on 3 October 2023 worldwide.

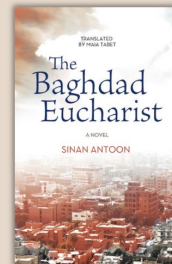
A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Magdi Yacoub Heart Foundation, Egypt.

[Click here](#) to read an Q&A with authors Simon Pearson and Fiona Gorman, about the process of writing *A Surgeon and a Maverick*.



AUC Press Authors at Palestine Writes Literature Festival 2023

'[Palestine Writes](#)' is the only North American literature festival dedicated to celebrating and promoting cultural productions of Palestinian writers and artists. This round took place at University of Pennsylvania 22-24 September and it featured talks and panels by AUC Press authors Salman Abu Sitta, author of *Mapping My Return: A Palestinian Memoir* (AUC Press, 2016), Ibrahim Nasrallah, author of three novels, *The Lanterns of the*



Re-membering Iraq: On the Wounds of War A lecture with Sinan Antoon

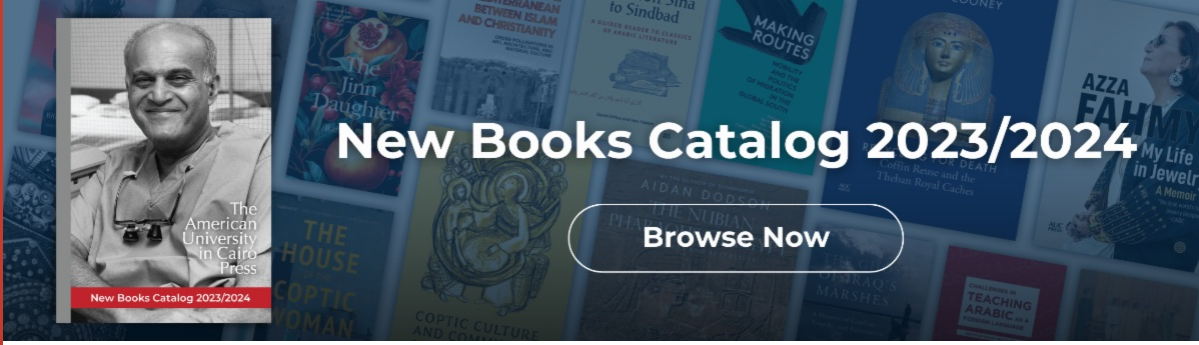
Hoopoe Fiction's author Sinan Antoon will be delivering the annual lecture for the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), marking the 20th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. The lecture will be held online and is on Thursday, 16 November 2023, 17:30-19:00 GMT.

Register to attend:
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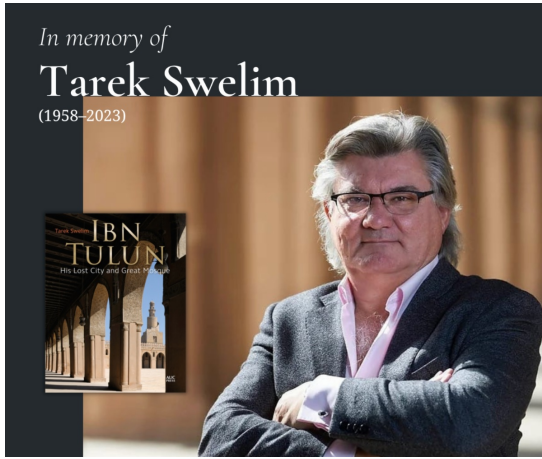
Antoon is the author of *The*

[King of Galilee](#), [Time of White Horses](#), and [Gaza Weddings](#), and Huzama Habayeb, author of [Velvet](#), the winner of the 2017 Naguib Mahfouz Medal for Literature.

[Baghdad Eucharist](#) (Hoopoe, 2017), read more about the novel [here](#).



Remembering Tarek Swelim

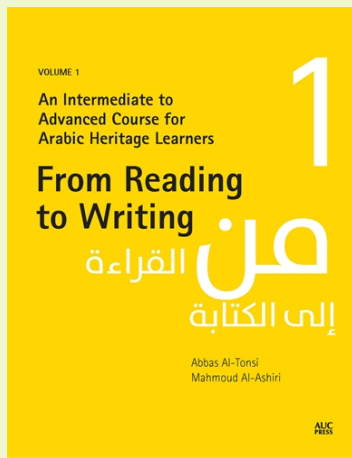


AUC Press was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of art historian Dr. Tarek Swelim, who died on 2 September 2023 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

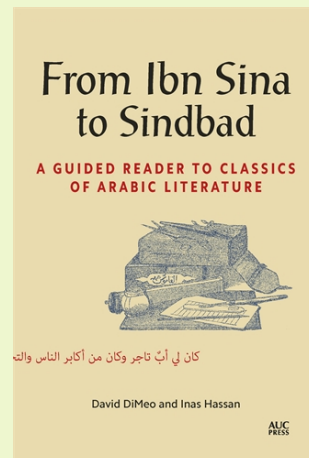
In 2015, his detailed and richly illustrated architectural analysis of Cairo's Mosque of Ibn Tulun, [Ibn Tulun: His Lost City and Great Mosque](#), was published by the AUC Press.

Our thoughts are with Tarek's family at this time. Read more [here](#).

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About [*History of Ash*](#) by Khadija Marouazi, translated by Alexander E. Elinson (Hoopoe, 2023):
“Intense and intimate, Marouazi writes with explicit detail, compassion, and urgency. While this is a fictional account, the realities of this era of heavy state repression in Morocco and the anguish of those unjustly imprisoned are felt acutely in her brilliant prose.”—*The New Arab*

About [*Suleiman's Ring*](#) by Sherif Meleka and translated by Raymond Stock (Hoopoe, 2023):
“Original, carefully crafted, memorable.”—*Midwest Book Review*

World Literature Today published a feature on Hamdi Abu Golayyel including coverage of the two AUC Press/Hoopoe titles: [*The Men Who Swallowed the Sun*](#) (Hoopoe, May 2022) and [*A Dog with No Tail*](#) (Hoopoe, December 2015):

“A gifted storyteller who fused Egyptian oral storytelling, myth, and folklore to tell the tales of marginalized and working-class communities in Egypt.”

About [*Educating Egypt*](#) by Linda Herrera (AUC Press, 2022):

“[A] gem of a book in the expanding literature on the sociology of education and civic values in Egypt and the MENA region.”—*Contemporary Sociology*

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