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### Meet AUC Press authors at the AUC Tahrir 2024 CultureFest

AUC Press and Bookstores are proud to be partners in the first edition of the [AUC Tahrir CultureFest](#), organized by the American University in Cairo.

AUC Tahrir CultureFest will take place from Wednesday 17 April to Monday 22 April 2024 at the [AUC Tahrir Square campus](#).

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Sheikh Zayed Book Award



### Reem Bassiouney Wins the 2024 Sheikh Zayed Book Award

[Reem Bassiouney](#), the esteemed Egyptian novelist, has been awarded the 2024 Sheikh Zayed Book Award for her novel *Al Halwani: The Fatimid Trilogy*.

Bassiouney is also the author of [Mortal Designs](#), translated by [Melanie Magidow](#) and published by AUC Press in 2016.

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### Celebrating Earth Day: Preseving Iraq's Marshes

As we approach [Earth Day](#), on 22 April, AUC Press chooses to shine a spotlight on its newly released book, [The Ghosts of Iraq's Marshes: A History of Conflict, Tragedy, and Restoration](#) by [Steve Lonergan](#) and [Jassim Al-Asadi](#) (AUC Press, 2024)

A compelling account of the devastation and subsequent resurrection of Iraq's southern marshes, an environmental treasure of the Middle East, now a UNESCO World Heritage protected site.

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[Click here](#) to read the Q&A with the author [Steve Lonergan](#).

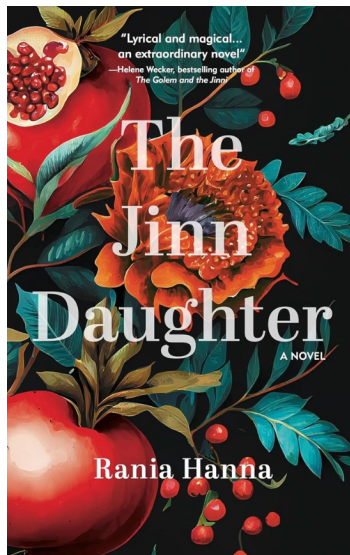


## A Cultural Odyssey through Cairo

Join AUC Press on a cultural journey through the heart of Cairo with this curated selection of books, inviting readers to discover Cairo's rich heritage.

From historical stories to thought-provoking cultural insights, complemented by photography, this collection serves as a guide to Cairo's diverse culture, history, and people.

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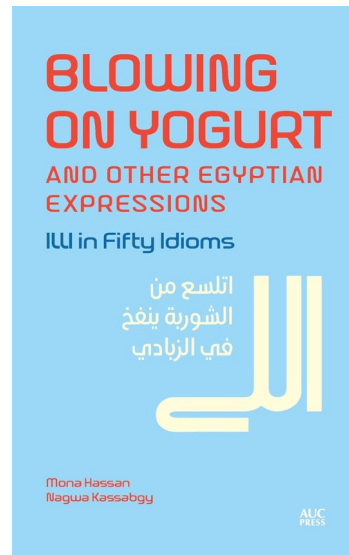
## April's New Release for Arab American Heritage Month

Hoopoe is thrilled to publish [The Jinn Daughter](#) in April during Arab American Heritage Month. Author [Rania Hanna](#) is a Syrian-American writer and neuroscientist.

This stunning debut novel is an impressive feat of storytelling which pulls together mythology, magic, and ancient legend in the gripping story of a mother's struggle to save her only daughter.

You can order your copy in Egypt from the [AUC Bookstores](#), and worldwide from [major bookstores](#) and [online book retailers](#).

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## Hot New Release

[Blowing on Yogurt and Other Egyptian Arabic Expressions: Illi in Fifty Idioms](#) by Mona Kamel Hassan and Nagwa Kassabgy, illustrated by Noha Elfarouk (AUC Press, 2024).

A lively and informative collection of fifty common Egyptian colloquial expressions and proverbs, this book is a must for learners of Arabic, language enthusiasts, and lovers of the country and its culture.

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## AUC Press at 2024 ARCE Annual Meeting

Join AUC Press from Friday 19 April to Sunday 21 April 2024 at the [Omni William Penn Hotel](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,



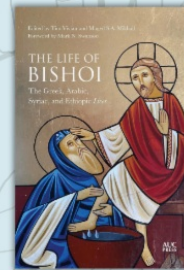
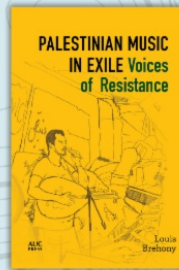
USA, for ARCE's in-person annual meeting.

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## BOOK REVIEWS



**[The Jinn Daughter: A Novel](#)** by Rania Hanna (Hoopoe, 2024)

"Rania Hanna's debut is a moving tale of mothers and daughters, magic and mysticism, love and death. *The Jinn Daughter* offers fresh storytelling, rich characters and food for thought."— **[Ms. Magazine](#)**

"Subtle but breathtaking."— **[Geek Girl Authority](#)**

"Rania Hanna [is] a modern-day fabulist who certainly understands the great appeal of storytelling to wrestle with parenting's grandest dilemmas. In *The Jinn Daughter*, Rania explores just how far a mother will go to rescue her daughter from death."— **[Foreword This Week](#)**

**[Palestinian Music in Exile: Voices of Resistance](#)** by Louis Brehony (AUC Press, 2023)

"A compelling narrative that not only informs but also inspires a deeper appreciation for the resilience and creativity of Palestinian musicians in exile."— **[Arab Studies Quarterly](#)**

"In addition to its masterful history of Palestinian music, Brehony's book serves as such a guide, reinforcing already held beliefs with a fresh view of how to create a better world."— **[Mondoweiss](#)**

**[The Life of Bishoi: The Greek, Arabic, Syriac, and Ethiopic Lives](#)** edited by Tim Vivian and Maged S.A. Mikhail (AUC Press, 2022)

"Vivian goes at the text both creatively and with great discernment. The copious notes afford us the ability to track the use of the Scriptures in the text as well as to identify numerous other monastic and ecclesiastical details referenced. . . . [a] groundbreaking study."— **[Cistercian Studies Quarterly](#)**

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