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A Month of Heartfelt Reminders

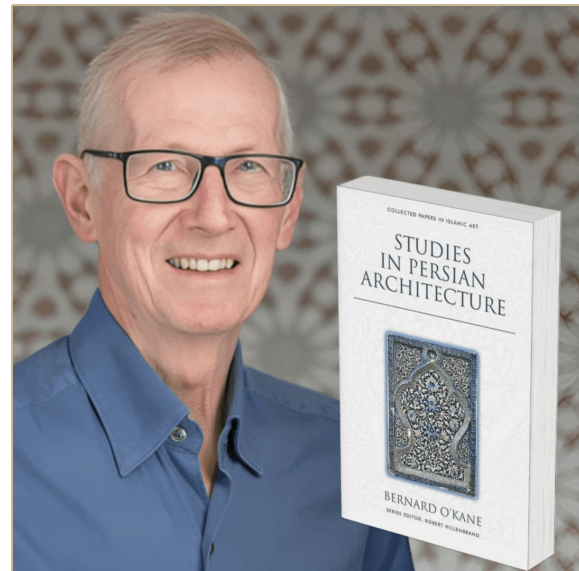
February brings with it a powerful reminder to prioritize matters of the heart. It kicks off with American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day and also brings us Valentine's Day. This February includes coverage of the first authorized biography of leading cardiac surgeon Professor Magdi Yacoub *[A Surgeon and a Maverick: The Life and Pioneering Work of Magdi Yacoub](#)* by Simon Pearson and Fiona Gorman (AUC Press, 2023).

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Time and Power: 2023 Alixa Naff Prize Winner

AUC Press author Melissa Gatter has won the 2023 [Alixa Naff Prize in Migration Studies](#) for her “timely, innovative, and theoretically sophisticated contribution to studies of displacement” in her book *[Time and Power in Azraq Refugee Camp: A Nine-to-Five Emergency](#)* (AUC Press, 2023).



Bernard O'Kane wins World Book of the Year Award

Bernard O'Kane, professor of Islamic art and architecture, received Iran's World Book of the Year Award, the most prestigious in the country, for his *Studies in Persian Architecture* (2021).

Bernard is the author of several richly

The book is part of the [Refugees and Migrants within the Middle East](#) series edited by Dawn Chatty, Stacy D. Fahrenthold, and Annika Rabo, and published by the AUC Press. [Click here to read more](#)

illustrated books, including [The Mosques of Egypt](#) (AUC Press, 2017), and [The Illustrated Guide to the Museum of Islamic Art in Cairo](#) (AUC Press, 2012).

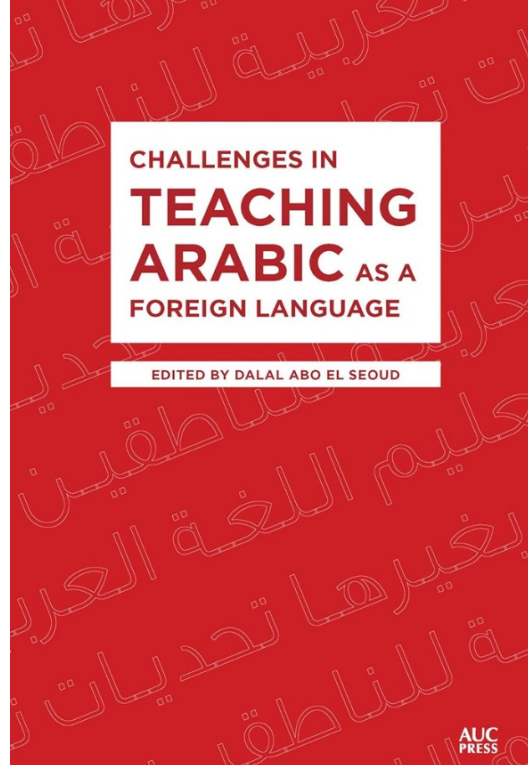
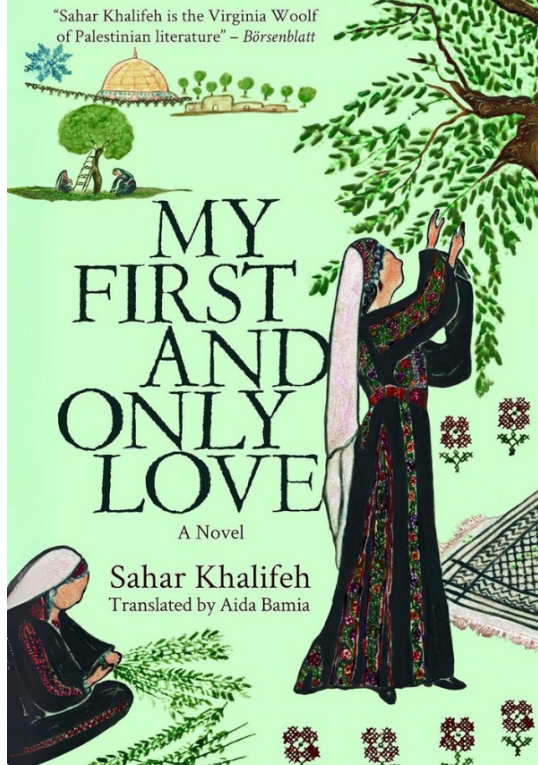
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Cairo International Book Fair: That's a Wrap!

Over the course of thirteen days, AUC Press and Bookstores had the pleasure of meeting thousands of customers from all over the world at its stand, covering over 117 square meters and filled to the brim with beautiful books. "This success was made possible by weeks of hard work, close collaboration, and dedication in serving the customers," said Veerle De Laet, AUC Press Executive Director. We look forward to meeting our customers in upcoming book fairs.



AUC Vice President for Marketing Communications & Public Affairs Dina Abulfotuh standing with AUC Press and Bookstores staff members and casual book fair staff on the steps of the AUC Tahrir palace building. The cat in the foreground drinks from a fountain that was donated to AUC by AUC Press author John Feeney.



Palestinian Literature

My First and Only Love: A Novel by Sahar Khalifeh, translated by Aida Bamia (Hoopoe, 2021) is a book that hinges on a love story that began during the 1948 Nakba and endured into the diaspora.

Happy Media named it one of the 20 best books written by Palestinian authors. “About falling in love across borders. . . . recommend[ed].” –***Electric Literature***
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Challenges in Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language, edited by Dalal Abo El Seoud (AUC Press, 2024) is an essential collection of empirical studies on the TAFL (teaching Arabic as a foreign language) classroom experience, by leading professionals in the field. You can order your copy in Egypt from the [AUC Bookstores](#), and worldwide from major bookstores, and online book retailers.
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BOOK REVIEWS



A Surgeon and a Maverick: The Life and Pioneering Work of Magdi Yacoub by Simon Pearson and Fiona Gorman (AUC Press, 2023)
 “Whether or not you are interested in the medical field, Yacoub’s tale will impassion anyone striving to create a more just and honourable society.” –***The New Arab***

Silver Treasures from the Land of Sheba: Regional Yemeni Jewelry by Marjorie Ransom (AUC Press, 2023)

“Profusely and beautifully illustrated throughout, *Silver Treasures from the Land of Sheba: Regional Yemeni Jewelry* will prove an elegant, informative, and exceptional addition to personal, professional, community, and college/university library collections.”—[Midwest Book Review](#)

Fayoum Pottery: Ceramic Arts and Crafts in an Egyptian Oasis by R. Neil Hewison (AUC Press, 2021)
“A vivid and intimate portrait of the life and work of contemporary potters in the Fayoum”— [AramcoWorld](#)

Palestinian Music in Exile: Voices of Resistance by Louis Brehony (AUC Press, 2023)
“Rich explanations of the political situation, life under occupation, world currents and awakenings, and frequent instances of steadfastness, endurance and resistance.”—[Ica Wahbeh, Jordan News](#)

“The attention and detail in terms of context make this book not just an incredible read but also provide a more tangible experience of reading about Palestine for non-Palestinians.”—[Middle East Monitor](#)

Tahrir's Youth: Leaders of a Leaderless Revolution by Rasha Latif (AUC Press, 2022)
“A fascinating glimpse into a revolutionary period where the idea of ‘Egyptianess’ was being transformed”—[Middle East Monitor](#)

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