

New fiction editor at Véhicule Press

Montreal writer Dimitri Nasrallah succeeds Andrew Steinmetz as editor of Esplanade Books – the fiction imprint at Véhicule Press



Andrew Steinmetz is stepping down as founding editor of Esplanade Books. He leaves a ten-year legacy of 20 finely-edited books including the novel *Chef* by Jaspreet Singh (Winner of the George Bugnet Award for Fiction, Finalist for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best Book, Longlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award), *Pardon Our Monsters* by Andrew Hood (Winner of the Danuta Gleed Literary Award), and *The Love Monster* by Missy Marston (Winner of the Ottawa Book Award for Fiction.) His last title will be *New Tab*, a novel by Guillaume Morissette, scheduled for next spring.

Andrew, whose latest book *The Great Escape: The Case of Michael Paryla* (Biblioasis) was a finalist for the 2013 Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction, leaves Esplanade Books in good hands. Dimitri Nasrallah, whose second novel, *Niko*, was acquired and edited by Andrew, will take over as the editor of Esplanade. *Niko* won the 2011 QWF Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction and was longlisted for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. Dimitri's first novel, *Blackbodying* (DC Books), also won the QWF McAuslan First Book Prize and was a rare English-language finalist for the Grand prix du livre de Montréal. In addition to his novels, Nasrallah teaches creative writing at Concordia University and contributes regularly to the *Toronto Star's* Books pages.

Dimitri Nasrallah: "It's an immense honour to be asked to take up the Esplanade Editions imprint that Andrew Steinmetz has so admirably cultivated in its first decade. I look forward to contributing to Esplanade's reputation for publishing exciting works of high literary merit, and developing strong relationships with unique writers from Montreal and across the country."

Publishers Nancy Marrelli and Simon Dardick extend their appreciation to Andrew Steinmetz, and are pleased to welcome Dimitri Nasrallah to the press.



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