

q book: DODGING FLYING SANDALS

Journalist Daniel Nour's memoir serves as a keenly perceptive guide to navigating life in suburbia as a queer Egyptian-Australian.

As the sun sets, so too will your day come to a close ... likely due to a heart condition, as it runs in the family.

Introducing Daniel Nour: Egyptian and Australian; boisterous yet painfully awkward; conservative but deeply perplexed (particularly regarding other boys). He has never quite managed to fit into the mold of normalcy, but it is in being 'not normal' that the most compelling stories emerge. Daniel has written his debut memoir, **How to Dodge Flying Sandals and Other Advice for Life**, to articulate his experiences growing up in Australia while grappling with the intricacies of cultural identity, sexuality, and self-acceptance.



A recipient of the highly regarded Affirm Press Mentorship for Sweatshop Writers, Daniel expresses, 'Queer and migrant narratives often centre on suffering, but my memoir also highlights love, laughter, resilience, and community. I want you to wee-laugh while reading this – a term I've just invented to describe the experience of laughing so hard that you might slightly embarrass yourself.'

Daniel is dedicated to sharing culturally diverse queer narratives as a way to empower others. 'In my community, queerness isn't merely taboo—it's almost a ghost story. This creates a void, a feeling of invisibility. Young queer individuals from culturally diverse backgrounds frequently feel alone, so by recounting my messy, awkward, and sometimes humiliating journey, I hope to provide them with a signal: you're not isolated, and it's perfectly fine to be a bit ridiculous.'

Presented in the form of a wildly absurd yet genuinely heartfelt 'how-to' (or more accurately, 'what-not-to-do') guide, **How to Dodge Flying Sandals and Other Advice for Life** will entertain fans of **The Family Law**, **The Land Before Avocado**, and other humorous tales of Australian childhood.

If you've ever had someone attempt to arrange a marriage for you ...

If you have so many cousins that you can't recall all their names ...

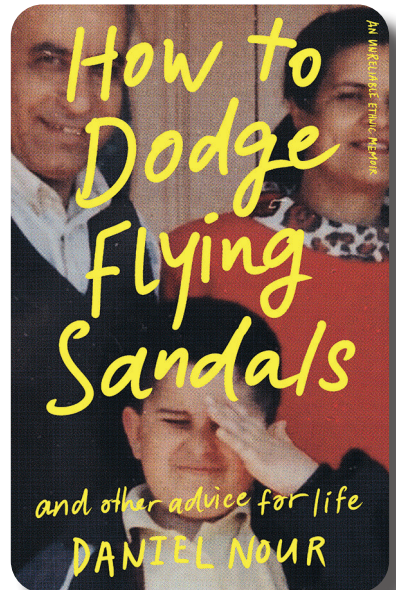
If your parents express love solely through food and unsolicited advice ...

If your 'roommate' has been living with you for five years and your family still believes it's just a close friendship...

Then this book is for you.

And if you've never encountered any of this?

Well, aren't you just a bit curious?



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