

3 QUESTIONS TO...

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1. Favorite pizza topping?

I don't like pizza :S

2. Must-have mobile app?

Definitely SoundCloud! I love hearing new music being made around the world, whether it's electronic, reggae or people just getting their music out there!

3. Favorite fictional character in a book?

There are sooo many! I love reading books, it's my favorite past time. Athena from Paulo Coelho's novel *The Witch of Portobello*, Wanda Von Dunajew from *Venus in Furs*, and my final favorite would have to be Dr. Booshy from *Midaq Alley* by Naguib Mahfouz. Oh! And of course there's Harry Potter and all of his friends!

the GREATEST

- Anita Papas participated in the 2014 Emirates Airline Festival of Literature where she was featured as a panelist.
- Turning Point will be at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair from 30 April – 5 May displaying our titles with CIEL.

the LATEST

- *Sitt Sobhiye* and "عصارة الكتب" were used in an educational bonding activity by BBAC Bank Zahle with children from SOS.
- We've moved office! You can now find us on the 14th floor of the Concorde Building in Verdun.



Editor's note

This March, I was lucky enough to spend several days in Dubai attending the sixth annual Emirates Airline Festival of Literature. The theme for this year was "Metamorphosis" – a poignant reminder that the Middle East is experiencing unprecedented cultural, economic and political upheaval. But hats off to the organizers for bringing together an eclectic mix of 170 authors from 35 different countries, our own Anita Papas and Samar Barraaj amongst the cohort. I dream that a similar festival will happen in Lebanon one day. - Charlotte Hamaoui

the HIGHLIGHTED



Hayya Entalik! – "هيا انطلق!"

Due to the success of Anita Papas' third title, *Go For It!*, we are pleased to announce the publication of the Arabic translation, *Hayya Entalik!* This title is about taking control of your life, believing in yourself, and pursuing your dreams no matter how many obstacles you may face along the way. It tells you that success does not come in shortcuts but true victory is there for those who go all the way. This book will empower you, give you a push and make you truly go for it!



Touti the Whale – "الحوت توتي"

Our first children's title of the year, *Touti the Whale* ("الحوت توتي") is a charming and heart-warming tale of a baby whale's wonderings about the world beyond the sea where he lives with his friends Tubtub the Octopus, Fino the Dolphin, and his mother, who loves and protects him. Touti's curiosity leads him to find out all sorts of new facts about his home and his life and helps him to grow and make important decisions.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR...AND IT'S TIME TO HIT THE TRAILS

- Take a walk along sandy paths in the shade of towering pines Bkassine forest, Jezzine.
- Wander along the Barouk River trails to discover ancient bridges and spectacular natural wonders.
- Head to the Ehmej mountain trails to discover lush forests, towering cliffs and lush valleys.
- Discover the incredible biodiversity of Horsh Ehden featuring an array of wild fauna and flora.



EXCERPT FROM...BEIRUT KNIGHTS

...On dinner date number two, Panadol was gallant enough to pick me up, something rather rare nowadays. Coincidentally, it was Valentine's Day. A day I honestly don't care for as I think it was invented just for shops to sell more roses and chocolates. But, he obviously thought that the day held great significance. There he stood with a present. One he felt was incredibly romantic: a bag full of pharmaceuticals. The array was rather impressive. Muscle relaxants, antihistamines, painkillers, and everything else a girl could ever wish for. It spoke love, especially since some of the goodies were prescription only...

