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DRIVEN THE SECRET LIVES OF TAXI DRIVERS

MARCELLO DI CINTIO



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Marcello Di Cintio is the author of four books including *Walls: Travels Along the Barricades* and *Pay No Heed to the Rockets: Palestine in the Present Tense*, both winners of the W. O. Mitchell City of Calgary Book Prize. His magazine writing has appeared in appeared in publications such as *The International New York Times*, *The Walrus, Canadian Geographic*, and *Afar*. Di Cintio lives in Calgary, Alberta.

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