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Mandel Vilar Press and Fig Tree Books LLC Form A Strategic Partnership



SIMSBURY, CT & BEDFORD, NY (June 1, 2022) — Robert Mandel, publisher of Mandel Vilar Press (MVP), and Fredric Price, publisher of Fig Tree Books LLC (FTB), announced today that the two companies have formed a strategic partnership. Effective immediately, FTB has become an imprint of MVP, and Fredric Price serves as the editor-in-chief of FTB.

Robert Mandel said, “Fig Tree’s mission of publishing the best literature of the American Jewish experience dovetails extraordinarily well with Mandel Vilar Press’s mission of bringing underrepresented and diverse literature of the Americas to a wide audience.”

Established in 2014, Mandel Vilar Press is an independent publisher that serves as a conduit of multicultural exchange and a crucial channel for advancing diversity in publishing. MVP publishes pan Latinx authors from the Americas as well as the Caribbean and Europe and is dedicated to promoting the best works by ethnic and cultural minorities, underrepresented nationalities, and communities that have encountered discrimination. Publishing between four to eight titles in fiction and nonfiction each year, MVP issues books that readers will find not only compelling and illuminating but also have the ability to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world.

Fredric Price added, “With similarly aligned goals and the chance to combine our efforts as well as our lists, this was an opportunity not to be missed. I look forward to continuing to work with new voices who speak to the beautiful and sometimes challenging mosaic of the American Jewish experience.”

FTB is now open for submissions *from agents* for adult literary fiction and nonfiction—FTB does not publish poetry, autobiographies, novellas, chap books, young adult, sci-fi, or children’s books.



Fig Tree Lit, FTB's Newsletter that contains short stories, essays, book reviews, chapters from unpublished books, videos, and regular features, will continue to be published on a monthly basis.

For more information about submissions to either FTB or its newsletter, please [visit the FTB website](#).

For more information about MVP or FTB, or to schedule an interview with Robert Mandel or Fredric Price, please contact Rachel Tarlow Gul at Over the River Public Relations: Rachel@OTRPR.com, 201-503-1321.

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About Mandel Vilar Press: Building on a 36-year publishing career, Dr. Robert Mandel launched Mandel Vilar Press in 2014 with longtime colleague, Irene Vilar, founder of the nonprofit, Americas for Conservation and the Arts. MVP specializes in books by and about minorities and publishes a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction, including adult and young adult titles, historical novels, and memoirs. MVP seeks books that examine history, politics, culture, genocide, the environment, and environmental justice. It also promotes important translations of Latin American, Caribbean, European, Eastern European, Middle Eastern and Asian writers. MVP's impressive list of authors includes Thane Rosenbaum, Jay Neugeboren, Blume Lempel, Homero Aridjis, Edna Iturralde, Pedro Cabiya, Viliam Klimacek, Theodore Bikel, Judy Bolton-Fasman, Beth Kissileff, Bob Mankoff, and Nava Semel. MVP books have won many awards including the Modern Language Association's Leviant Prize for the best Yiddish translated book, The International Latino Book Award, The Florida Book Gold Medal Award, The Julia Ward Howe Award, Foreword Reviews Gold and Silver Medal, and Skipping Stones Magazine Honor Award. Books are published in hard copy, e-book, and audiobook formats and are distributed to the trade by Consortium, a Division of Ingram Publishing.

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About Fig Tree Books: Fig Tree Books LLC, established in 2014 by Fredric Price, publishes literature that enlightens the unique American Jewish experience. Noted books include *My Jewish Year* by Abigail Pogrebin and *Saving Free Speech ... from Itself* by Thane Rosenbaum. Other titles include novels from debut and previously-published authors, as well as important works that had gone out of print, including *Compulsion* by Meyer Levin and *The Pawnbroker* by Edward Lewis Wallant. Its titles have won more than two dozen literary awards. Forewords for the Company's books have been written by Bret Stephens, Dara Horn, Marcia Clark, Tova Mirvis, Shulem Deen, and A.J. Jacobs. Books are published in hard copy, e-book, and audiobook formats and are now distributed to the trade by Consortium (previously having been distributed by Publishers Group West) both of which are Divisions of Ingram Publishing.

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