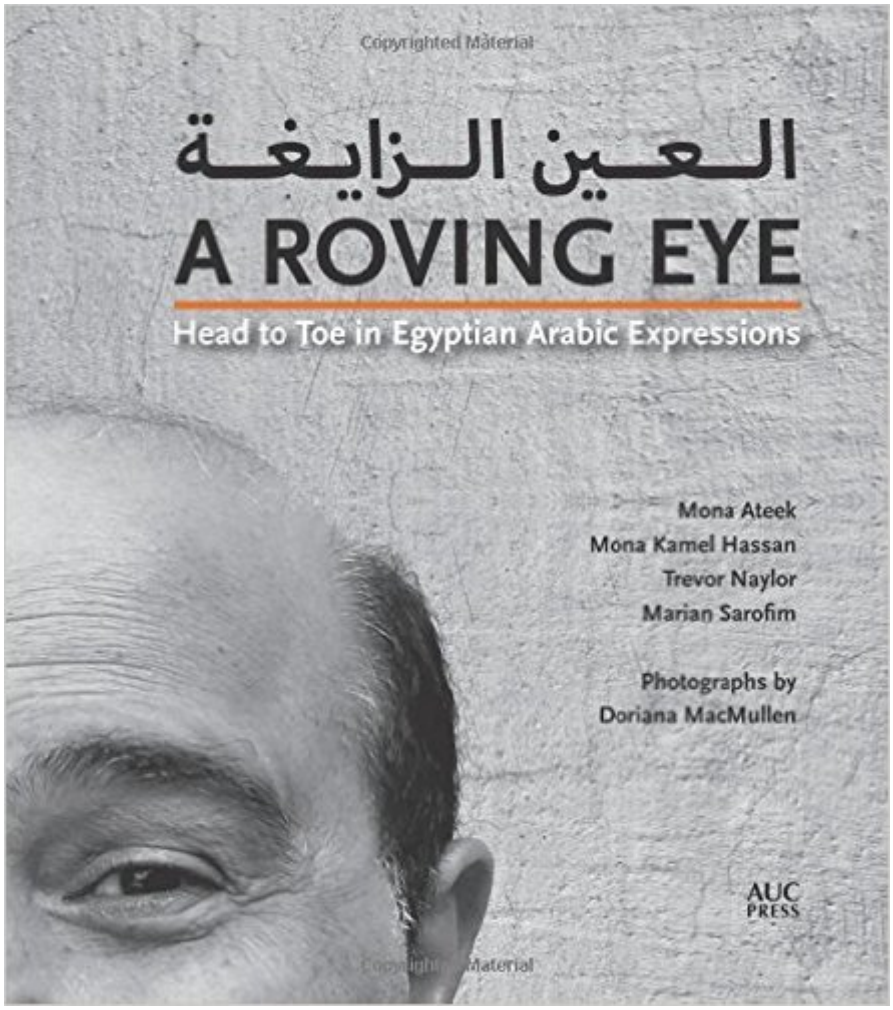
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This book is one of the better ones I've seen out there for idioms and expressions. The pictures make it more fun for students, and it is categorized by body part...for example, all the expressions involving one's face, or leg, or heart.The transliteration from the Arabic on the page is pretty good, and the translations into English are excellent.I highly recommend this book.

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