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## T Magazine taps bestselling novelist to helm style publication

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The New York Times has named Hanya Yanagihara the new editor of its T Magazine.



A published novelist who has also served as the deputy editor of T Magazine, Ms. Yanagihara is expected to bring her capacity for storytelling as well as her wide range of interests to her new position. Ms. Yanagihara fills the role left open after Deborah Needleman resigned in November.

## Editorial eye

Ms. Needleman ended her four-year tenure at T Magazine last fall. Her next moves were not made public.

In New York Times executive editor Dean Baquet's announcement last November, he wrote, "It would have been enough for T to be just aesthetically pleasing, a place for great photography, stunning interiors. But Deborah turned it into something much more. It featured even championed artists whose work could be difficult. It discovered writers and published poetry. Under Deborah, T ceaselessly explored the landscape of art and culture."

Executive editor Whitney Vargas, who served as interim editor in chief during the vacancy, subsequently handed in her resignation in February.

Now, T has new editorial leadership to fill the open position.



Hanya Yanagihara

Ms. Yanagihara began her editorial career in book publishing at Random house. She went on to work for magazines such as Departures, W and Town & Country.

The author's latest novel, "A Little Life," earned critical praise and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize while also breaking into bestseller lists.

"Hanya is not only an ambitious editor, but a dynamic author who commanded the literary world with her vibrant second novel A Little Life,'" Mr. Baquet said. "Given her creativity and breadth of experience, Hanya will elevate T's distinct and provocative storytelling to a level that explores global culture and enriches each part of the T experience, in print and digitally."

Published 11 times a year, T magazine covers fashion, beauty, travel, literature, design and art.

"Hanya is a wildly respected and imaginative writer, as well as a seasoned editor," said Elizabeth Webbe Lunny, vice president of luxury and publisher of T. "Given her intellectual and aesthetic boldness, T will remain the destination for brands that want to be aligned with the most unique and defining coverage of style and culture in the world."

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