

## *Australian Book Review's new Rising Star*

*ABR* is delighted to introduce its fourth Rising Star – Anders Villani. Anders began writing for *ABR* in late 2020, soon after taking part in an *ABR* publishing masterclass. He holds an MFA from the University of Michigan's Helen Zell Writers' Program, where he received the Delbanco Prize for poetry. His first full-length collection, *Arial Wire*, was released in 2018 by Five Islands Press. A PhD Candidate in Creative Writing at Monash University, he lives in Melbourne; his doctoral research concerns poetic representations of trauma.

The Rising Stars program is intended to advance the careers of younger writers and critics whose early contributions to *ABR* have impressed readers and editors alike.

### **Peter Rose, Editor of *ABR*, commented:**

'I really can't think of another young contributor who has made such a distinctive contribution during his first ten months with the magazine – as a poet, a reviewer, and now as co-commissioner of *ABR*'s poetry. It's a tremendous vindication of what we set out to achieve in the Monash publishing masterclasses – and a happy extension of our partnership with Monash University.'



Anders Villani

### **On becoming our latest Rising Star, Anders Villani commented:**

'What began as an *ABR* masterclass at Monash University has bloomed into perhaps the most enriching partnership yet in my artistic and intellectual life – and now this extraordinary accolade. Poetry has been at the heart of my involvement with the magazine: as a reviewer; as a creative contributor; and, most recently, as assistant poetry editor. In each of these capacities, I have witnessed and benefited from *ABR*'s invaluable ongoing commitment to poetry in Australia. As the new Rising Star, I consider it my mandate to deepen that commitment, and I am so excited and honoured to get to work. In a precarious cultural landscape, *ABR* offers a beacon, as it has for generations. That it has not only survived the pandemic but grown stronger is a testament to its resilience and importance. I could not have wished for a better platform for doing what I love.'

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### **Interviews**

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