



Mohammad, My Mother & Me

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Born in 1969, **Benoit Cohen** is a French producer, filmmaker, and screenwriter. After studying filmmaking at NYU, he started his own production company, Shadows Films, produced several short films, and directed his first feature, Chameleone in 1996. Between 2000 and 2014, Cohen made five other feature films, a few documentaries and three TV Series. His last movie, You'll Be a Man was a significant success at film festivals around the United States (selected for more than 60 festivals and won 40 awards). In 2014, after moving to Brooklyn, Cohen drove a taxi cab around the five boroughs, for several months, to gain perspective for a screenplay about a French actress becoming a taxi driver in New York. He wrote *Yellow Cab*, a book about this experience, which was published in May 2017 by Pointed Leaf Press. *Mohammad, My Mother & Me*, is his second book to be published in the United States.