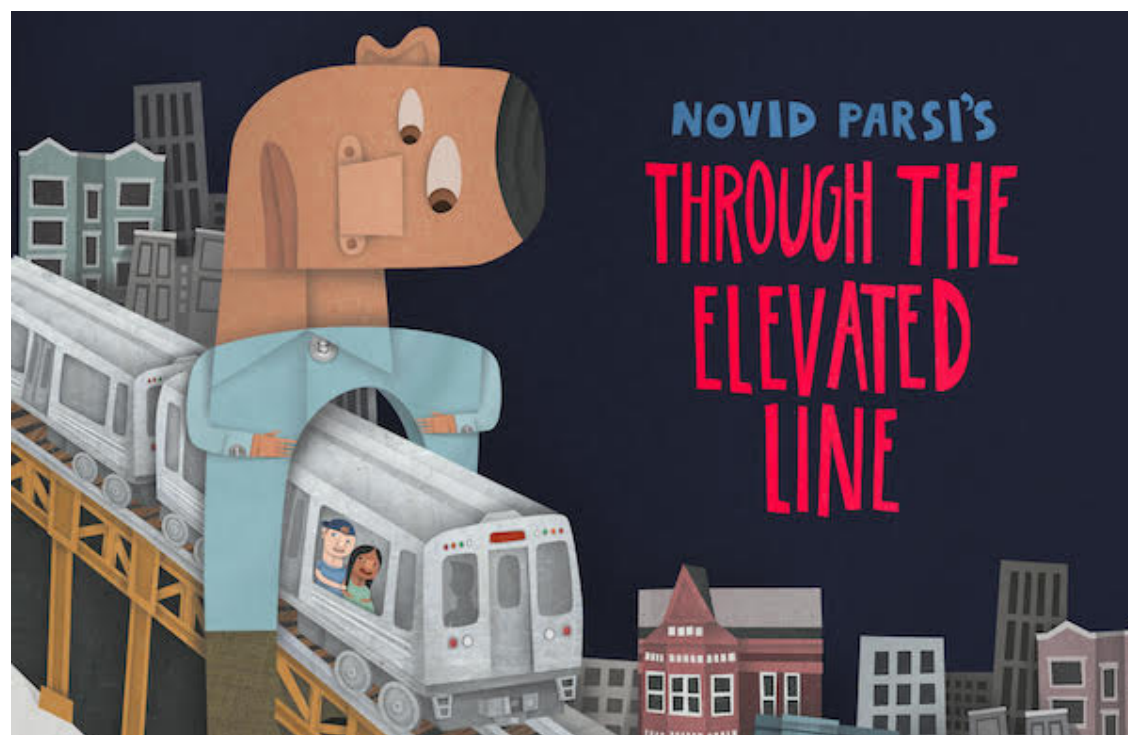


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“The play came to Parsi out of a need to challenge the common immigrant story,” says [Patch.com](#)

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Parsi rolled all of the "facets of his identity into one story," taking the commonly told writing advice "write about what you know" to heart.

As a gifted writer, Parsi blended together his Iranian heritage, his passion for theatre as a culture writer, and his relationship with the city into his first full-length play. [Learn more >>](#)

Parsi explained that he first sat down to write *Through the Elevated Line* out of a compulsion. “I wanted to complicate our easy distinction between good and bad immigrants by exploring two immigrant siblings not as types, but as individuals,” he said.

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“We sanctify immigrants or vilify them. We see them as the hard worker or the freeloader.”

- Playwright Novid Parsi

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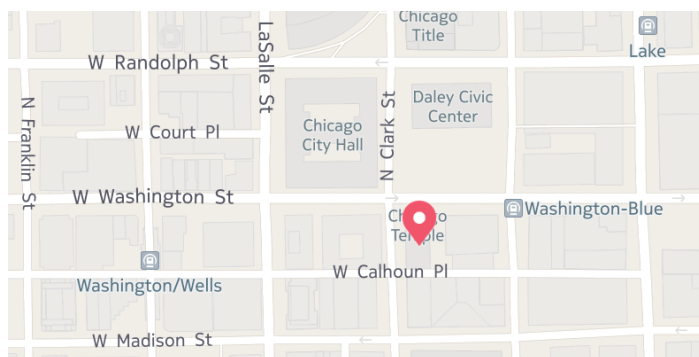
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