

Amin Hadad

Amin Haddad was born in 1958 and is the son of the well-known poet Fouad Haddad — he inherited a love for poetry early and started writing by the age of 23. He pursued a career as a computer (or systems) engineer while maintaining his identity as a poet — combining “the world of letters and the world of numbers.” Over the years he published many poetry books (beginning with *Rihet El-Habayeb* in 1990) and engaged with social and political reality — for instance reflections on war, identity, homeland and memory.

He is also co-founder of a performance collective (*Ferqat Al-Sharea*, “The Street Troupe”), which since 2000 has brought vernacular poetry to public performance, often combining poetry with music to reach a wider, younger audience. In recognition of his work, he was awarded the International Cavafy Poetry Prize in 2011, and the Best Vernacular Poet Award at the Cairo International Book Fair in 2017.
