

Amin Haddad

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. 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.
