

## Cyril Dabydeen



**Cyril Dabydeen** was born in Canje, Guyana in 1945, and worked as a teacher prior to leaving Guyana. Dabydeen came to Canada in 1970 to pursue post-secondary studies and completed a B.A. at Lakehead University and both an M.A. and M.P.A. at Queen's University. His M.A. thesis was on the poetry of Sylvia Plath.

Dabydeen is a prolific author of poetry and prose and his work has been included in numerous anthologies published in Canada, the U.S.A., the U.K., India and New Zealand. Dabydeen served as Poet Laureate of Ottawa from 1985-spring 1987. He worked for many years in the areas of human rights and race relations and later taught English at Algonquin College in Ottawa. He now teaches creative writing at the University of Ottawa and lives in the

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