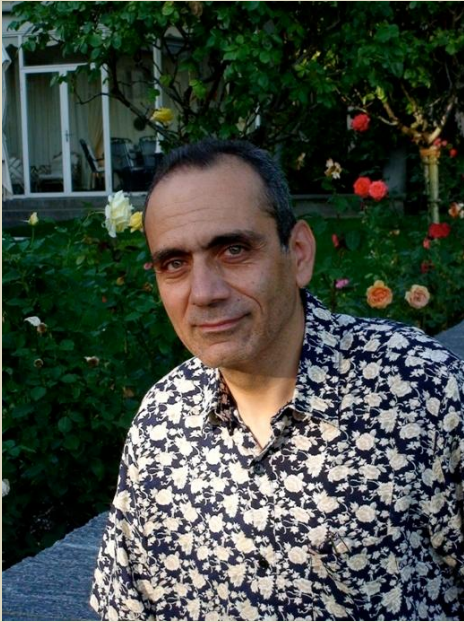


## M.M. Tawfik



**M.M. Tawfik** was born in Cairo. He obtained degrees in civil engineering (Cairo University), international law (University of Paris) and international relations (International Institute of Public Administration in Paris). A member of the Egyptian Writers Union, Pen International, the Geneva Writers Group and ACT writers of Australia, he has traveled to, and lived in, numerous countries in all five continents. Like a true citizen of the world, his writing knows no boundary.

He has published in Arabic three volumes of stories, *The White Butterflies*, *Till the Break of Dawn* and *Agamyste*. An English translation of selected stories from all three volumes was published in Egypt in 1997 entitled *The Day the Moon Fell*. He is, perhaps, best known for his trilogy; *A Night in the Life of Abdel-Tawab Tutu*, *A Naughty Boy Called Antar* and *Candy Girl*. Together, the three novels form an epic work that follows Egypt's political and social evolution across the twentieth century. The English translation of *A Naughty Boy Called Antar* is available in both US and UK editions entitled *Murder in the Tower of Happiness*. The English translation of *Candy Girl* is scheduled for spring 2012.

True to Egyptian tradition, M.M. Tawfik is primarily concerned with the recording of unofficial history. He seeks to depict people's lives as they get hopelessly entangled in history's relentless crawl. He tells a story filled with humor and sensuality.

For him, there is no foe deadlier than mediocrity.