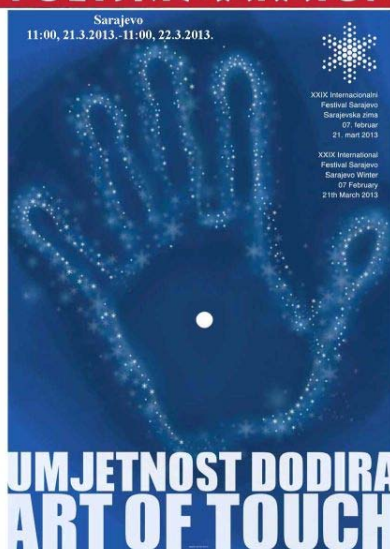


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### Ali F. Bilir

Ali F. Bilir was born in 1945 in Gülnar, Mersin , Turkey . He attended the School of Medicine for a year, but graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Istanbul, in 1969. During his university years, he worked part-time at a tourist youth hostel in Istanbul as a reception clerk and later as a manager. In 1967, as an adventure, he toured Europe and North Africa , mainly on foot. For a while, he lived in Essex and London, England to improve his English, doing odd jobs such as picking fruit from trees, washing dishes and serving as a waiter at restaurants. He participated in the student and youth movements of 1968. His poems, short stories and articles on various subjects have been published in local, regional, national, and international periodicals, magazines, and journals. His work has won many awards. Bilir's poetry book "**Migration Ballads**" is being granted by the Turkish government as one of the significant examples of Turkish written heritage. Migration Ballads is published by [Plain View Press](#), U.S.A, in 2008, within the scope of TEDA project. Ali F. Bilir is also a member of Turkish Authors Association ([Edebiyatçılar Derneği](#)), Turkish Writers Syndicate ([Türkiye Yazarlar Sendikası](#)), Language Association, [National Federation of State Poetry Societies \(NFSPS\)](#), and Big Bend Poets chapter of the [Florida State Poets Association](#).

His published book in English is: Migration Ballads

His published books in Turkish are: **Short Stories:** Üşüyen Sıcak Düşlerim (My Shivering Warm Dreams); **Poetry:** Göç Türküsü (Migration Ballads) and Güz Anımsamaları (Autumn Reminiscences); **Critique:** Elestiriden Günceye (From Critique to Diary); **Compilation:** Mersin'de Aydın Olmak (Being an Intellectual in Mersin) [co-compiler: Orhan Özdemir]; **Research:** Orta Asya'dan Toroslar'a Gülnar (Gülнар – From Central Asia to Taurus Mountains)[co-author: F. Saadet Bilir]; **Awards:** 2008, The people who make impressions on Mersin, awarded by the Mersin Governor's Office and the University of Mersin; 2004, S. Avni Ölez poetry award, Jury Special Prize, for the poetry book of Güz Anımsamaları (Autumn Reminiscences); 1998, Samim Kocagöz fiction story award; 1996, İbrahim Yıldız poetry award, Honorable Mention for the book of Göç Türküsü (Migration Ballads); 1993, Orhan Kemal fiction story award and 1990, Güneş Magazine (Sweden), fiction story award



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