

Hushang Ashurzadeh

Hushang Ashurzadeh published two stories in *Dāstānhā-ye now* (New stories, 1987), a collection compiled by established author Jamal Mir-Sadeqi, who points out in his preface that the stories are mostly by writers not yet forty years of age. Ashurzadeh thus signals the continued and increasing popularity of short stories in Iran today and the opportunities open to younger writers to publish their work. Hushang Golshiri edited a similar volume of short stories mostly by new writers called *Hasht dāstān az nevisandegān-e jadid* (Eight stories from new writers, 1984).

In 1991 Ashurzadeh republished one of the two stories in “New Stories” in *Qamar dar ‘aqrab* (The moon in Scorpio). His earlier works were *In sālhā* (These years, 1980), a short tale for young people called *Dar jangal* (In the forest, 1980), and *Gol-e sorkh va bād-e muzi* (The rose and the pernicious wind). His latest book is a collection of stories titled *Khāneh’i por az gol-e sorkh*, published in 1999.