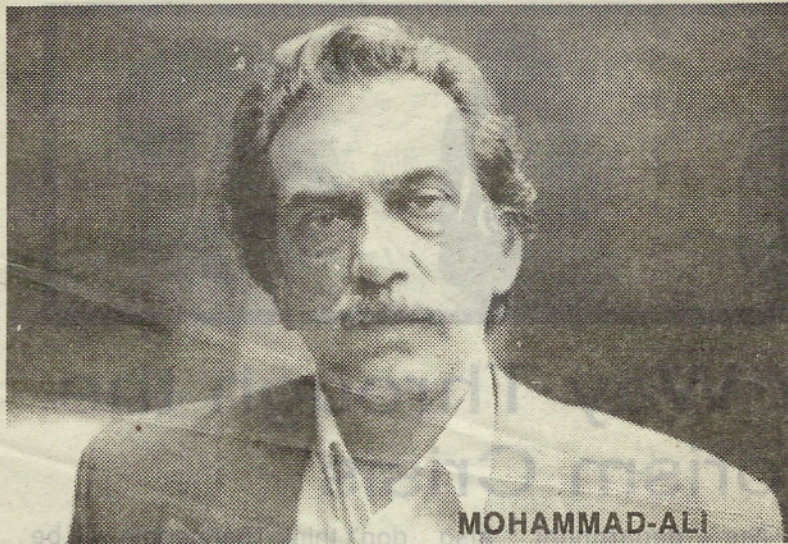


"Naked in the Wind"

* Interview with

Mohammad-Ali, Candidate of
Pegah's Literature Mehregan

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MOHAMMAD-ALI

TEHRAN — The TEHRAN TIMES recently conducted an interview with Mohammad Mohammad-Ali, the winner of the Author of the Year award. The prize was awarded by the Pegah Institute. Following is the interview:

Q: Could you inform us about your works?

A: These books are merely the efforts of an author from the Third World who reveals his worries. I write and the people buy based on their tastes. Most of my works are

reviewed by critics and literary figures.

Q: What is your opinion about the Pegah Institute and similar organizations?

A: I approve of all the governmental and nongovernmental organizations, either domestic or foreign, which give awards. This is an admirable custom which should be promoted in our country. Authors can test themselves, and the youth are encouraged to write better books.

Q: What do you think about readers?

A: Of course, the author does not choose his/her readers. He/she writes so that the world knows what the author is trying to say. When the book is written, the reader is free to choose.

Q: Tell us about your latest book?

A: I had the idea for *Naked in the Wind* in my mind for years. It is my 10th book. I began writing it in 1997. I chose a satirical detective theme for the first time, and I knew that I had written a good book.

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