

## **Clark Blaise**

Clark Blaise was born 10 April 1940 in Fargo, North Dakota to Canadian parents. He spent his childhood in Alabama, Georgia, and central Florida and graduated from high school in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He attended Denison University, first as a geology major then as an English major. Blaise spent a summer at Harvard University where he attended a workshop taught by Bernard Malamud. In 1964 Blaise graduated from the Iowa Writers Workshop where his thesis was a collection of short stories, *Thibidaul el fils*. At the age of 25 Blaise moved to Montreal where he founded the graduate writing program at Concordia College. He has taught at various universities in Canada and the United States, served as Director of the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa, and has lectured in Japan, India, Singapore, Australia, Finland, the Czech Republic, Holland, Germany, Haiti, and Mexico. He currently resides in San Francisco with his wife, fiction writer Bharati Mukherjee.

His works include: *A North American Education* (1973), *Tribal Justice* (1974), *Days and Nights in Calcutta* (1977; co-authored with Bharati Mukherjee), *Lunar Attractions* (1979; 1980 Books in Canada First Book Award winner), *Lusts* (1984), *Resident Alien* (1986), *I Had a Father* (1992), *Man and His World* (1992), *If I Were Me* (1997), *Southern Stories* (2000), *Time Lord* (2000).