

MICHAEL ONDAATJE

Philip Michael Ondaatje, [CC FRSL](#) ([/ɒnˈdɑːtʃiː/](#); born 12 September 1943), is a [Sri Lankan-born Canadian](#) poet, novelist, editor and filmmaker. He is the recipient of multiple literary awards such as the [Governor General's Award](#), the [Giller Prize](#), the [Booker Prize](#), and the [Prix Médicis étranger](#). Ondaatje is also an Officer of the [Order of Canada](#), recognizing him as one of Canada's most renowned living authors, along with others like [Margaret Atwood](#).

In addition to his literary writing, Ondaatje has been an important force in "fostering new Canadian writing" with two decades commitment to [Coach House Press](#) (around 1970-90), and his editorial credits on Canadian literary projects like the journal [Brick](#), and the *Long Poem Anthology* (1979), among others.