## A Conversation with Author Ananda Devi

Winner of the 2024 Neustadt International Prize for Literature

Born in Mauritius, Ananda Devi won a prize in an international short-story competition at the age of fifteen and she published her first collection of short-stories at the age of nineteen. Over the next five decades, she has become one of the major literary voices of the Indian Ocean with thirty books, including novels, collections of poetry, short stories, and essays.

Her writing is characterized by an unflinching look at violence and modern society, especially with regard to the status of women. Her characters are trapped by the contrary forces of society, religion, identity, human cruelty, and the seismic faults of history. Their only recourse, in their solitary quest, is their lucidity and humanity.

## Thursday, Oct. 17

4 - 6 p.m. Chambers Center, Garden Room (rm 190)



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