

Paiboon Publishing presents
A Chameleon's Tale: True Stories of a Global Refugee by Mo Tejani

Book Launch and Readings

Having lived and worked in four continents of our planet, Mohezín (Mo) Tejani has been a global nomad all his life. Though born in Tanzania to Indian parents, Mo called Uganda his home for the first 18 formative years. Along with 80,000 other Asians forced to flee Idi Amin's reign of terror in Uganda, Mo fled as a refugee, first to England (the colonial motherland) and then to America of the late Sixties and early Seventies.

While educating himself with degrees in Literature and Creative Writing, he won the Avery Hopwood Award for poetry and taught English and literature in California, upstate New York. During summers, Mo hitchhiked all over North America to learn about his new life from the open road. Trekking through the desert Badlands of Utah, cooking up trout curries next to glacial lakes of Wyoming peaks, meditating in the Florida Keys, playing Indian tablas in the sand dunes of Death Valley or even dancing till dawn at the Montreal Olympics in 1976, Mo patiently searched the continent for a place to call home.

Repulsed by the Vietnam War and its consequences in North America, Mo headed south, embarking in a two-year overland trip from Tijuana to Tierra del Fuego, to master the Spanish language on the road. Riding on top of Salvadorian trains into the jungle or sleeping in Inca baths at Machupichu, Mo embraced the Mundo Latino as his own until, one day, just like Uganda, army tanks rolled into the Peruvian town (where he was living) to slaughter villagers in the market square.

For the next five years, in SE Asia, Mo worked with thousands of Lao, Khmer and Vietnamese families in refugee camps all over South East Asia helping to ease their post war resettlement into America. From then on, for the next decade, empowering the poor all over the world as trainer and rights activist of marginalized groups, Mo found his home through his work using Thailand as his nesting place.

Over the last three years, Mo has returned to his original passion—writing. The first volume of his memoirs—“A Chameleon's Tale: True Stories of a Global Refugee”—published in June 2006, is a reflection of his life of travel and the continued search for a home.

Mo currently lives in Chiang Mai and writes articles and feature stories for various magazines in the region. His 'stalking interview' in Bangkok with 2001 Literature Nobel Prize Laureate V.S. Naipaul recently appeared in Untamed Travel magazine.

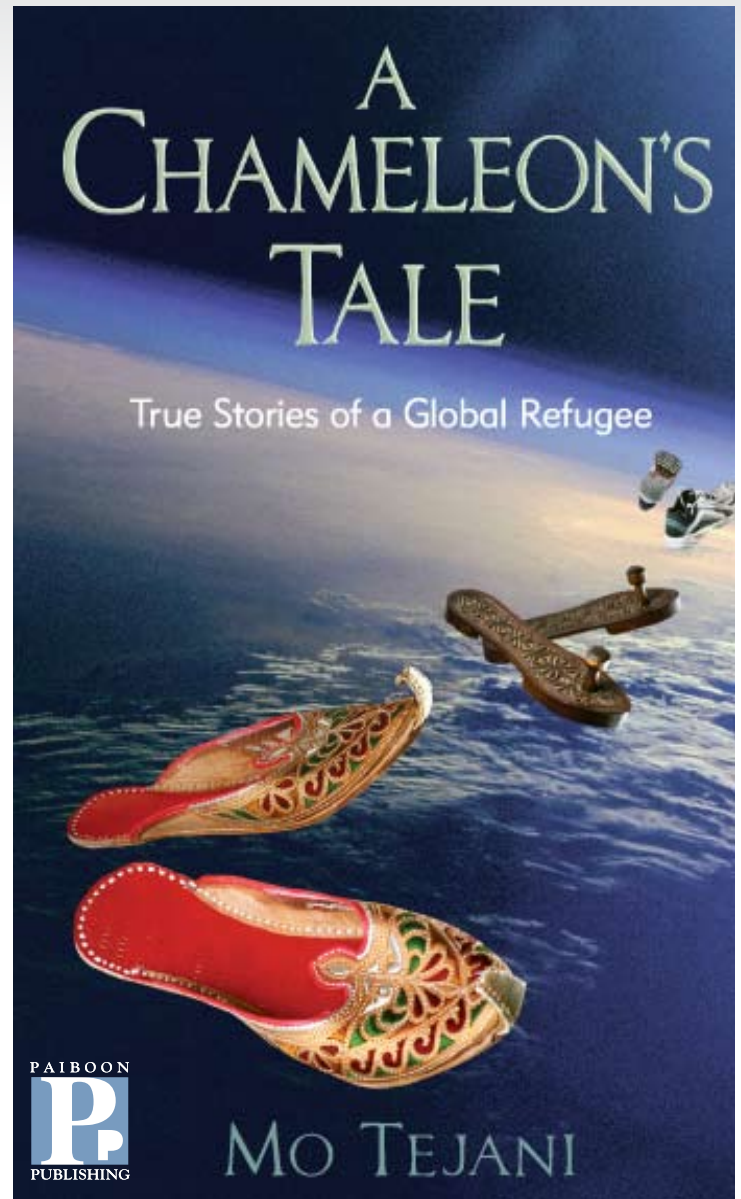


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