

James Hamilton-Paterson

Profile

Profession: writer.

Born: London, November 1941.

Educated: The King's School, Canterbury and
Exeter College, Oxford (BA Hons. and Newdigate Prize).

Taught for a year in Tripoli, Libya (1965-6); thereafter travelled extensively as freelance journalist (Brazil, Southeast Asia). Worked as documentaries script-writer for ASSOCIATED TELEVISION; was briefly on the staff of the NEW STATES-MAN (1969-70); was the last features editor of NOVA magazine (1975). Thereafter kept on travelling and writing, including commercial scriptwriting. Lived in England for much of the 1970s apart from a year in Egypt 1976-7. Since 1979 have been domiciled overseas: for many years in Italy and currently in Austria, but with extensive periods over the last 30 years in the Philippines. For much of the past decade had a regular fortnightly column on maritime and natural science subjects in two Swiss magazines: successively, DAS MAGAZIN and DIE WELTWO-CHE. A wandering life of scribbling, in short.