

## MEIR SHALEV



Leading author Meir Shalev was born in Nahalal, Israel's first *moshav*. He later moved to Jerusalem, where he lives today. After studying psychology at the Hebrew University, Shalev became well-known as the producer and moderator of radio and TV programs. In 1988, Shalev's first novel was published, *The Blue Mountain* (Hebrew title *Roman Russi* / "Russian Novel"). He has written non-fiction and children's books as well. Shalev has been awarded the Bernstein Prize (1989), the Juliet Club Prize (Italy, 1999), the Wizo Prize in France, Israel and Italy, the Brenner Prize (2006) and the American National Jewish Book Award for *The Pigeon and the Boy* (2007). His work has been published in over 20 languages. For many years, Meir has been writing a weekly column in the weekend edition of the newspaper *Yedioth Ahronoth*. In his column, Shalev comments satirically on government policy and Israeli society. His novels have won awards from The Entomological Society of Israel, The Department of Zoology of Tel Aviv University and the Israel Ornithological Society.