

# Howard Nemerov



Howard Nemerov was born in New York City, and attended the Society for Ethical Culture's Fieldstone School and Harvard University, where he graduated in 1941. He then served as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II, an experience he reflects on in "The War in the Air." After the war, he completed his first book of poems and began teaching at Hamilton College, his first of many teaching positions. In the poems "The Vacuum," and "Writing," Nemerov combines a formal elegance with an intelligent wit and strong emotions to describe the mysteries of death and written language.