



### ***Dr. Rozena Maart***

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Winner of The Journey Prize: Best Short Fiction, 1992, Rozena Maart currently lives in Guelph, Ontario.

An independent scholar, who does psychoanalysis, writes full-time or what she considers to be full-time, Rozena Maart is also the Director of the Biko Institute, a small educational institute in Guelph. She has taught in Universities in Canada, the US and England and these days prefer to teach on short contract and do visiting lectures. She has spent the past year promoting her fiction book, *Rosa's District Six*, in Canada, France and most recently in her homeland, South Africa

Maart's work focuses primarily on language: as speech, the imagination and writing. The focus of her work for the past twenty years has been on the relationship between consciousness and politics. The overlapping areas of her work are Black Consciousness, psychoanalysis, political philosophy and Derridean deconstruction.

Rozena Maart was nominated the "Woman of the Year" award, at age 24, in 1987, in South Africa for her work in the area of violence against women and for starting, with four others, the first Black feminist organisation in South Africa. Formerly a member of the Biko Rodney Malcolm Coalition, she has remained active in Black Consciousness work, both in terms of protest politics and as philosophy of consciousness, all of which influence her written works. Her publications include,

#### **Fiction**

Talk About It,

Rosa's District Six,

#### **Non-Fiction**

The Absence of the Knowledge of Whit Consciousness in Contemporary Feminist or Consciousness, Knowledge and Morality

The Politics of Consciousness: the Consciousness of Politics. When Black Consciousness Meets White Consciousness. Volume One. The Interrogation of Writing.

The Politics of Consciousness: the Consciousness of Politics. When Black Consciousness Meets White Consciousness. Volume Two. The Research Chapters. The Interrogation of Speech and Imagination.

#### **webpages**

<http://www.rozenamaart.freeuk.com>

<http://www.rozenamaart.freeuk.com/RosasD6>

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