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**A Cloud of Witnesses**

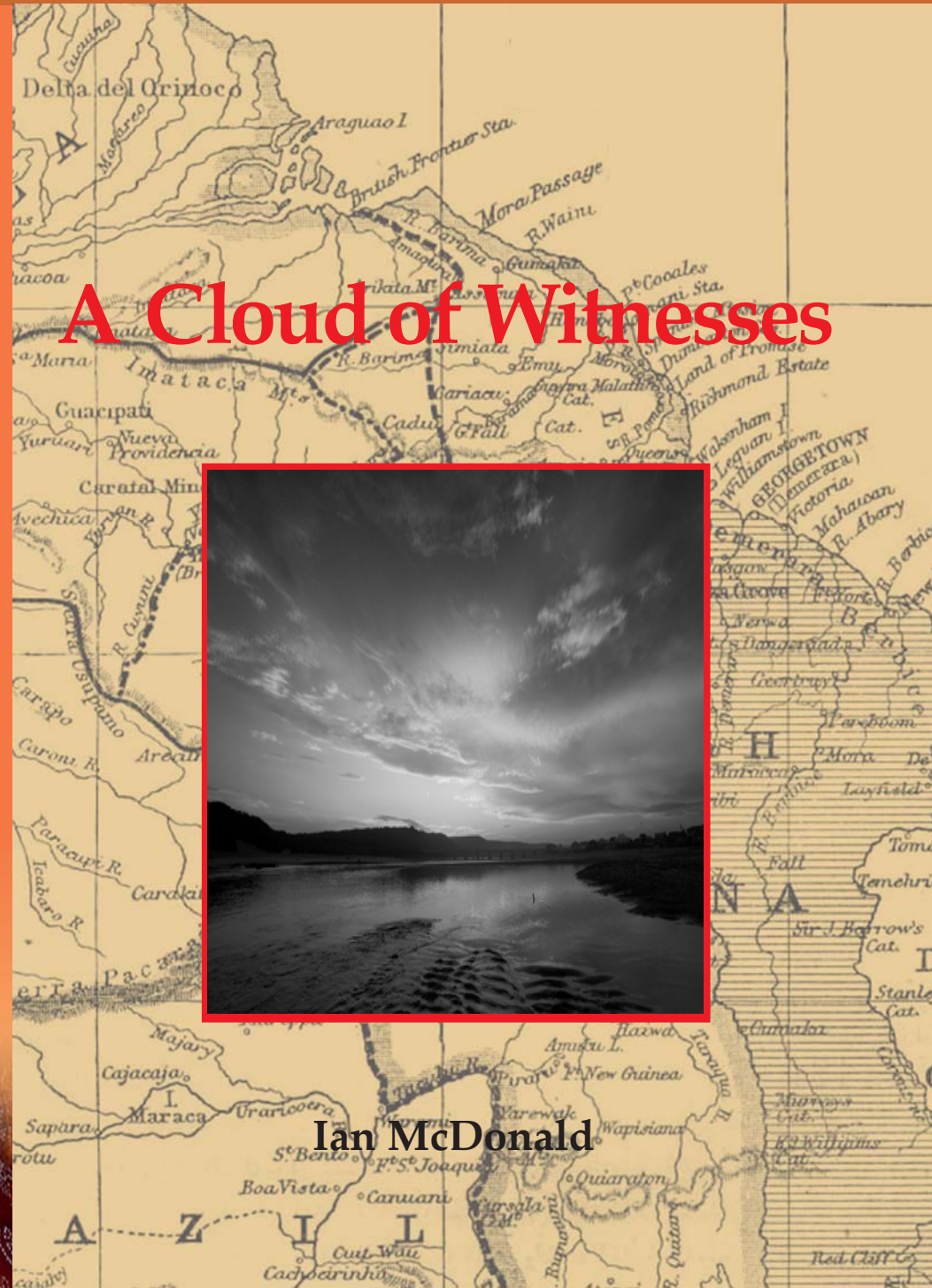
Ian McDonald has contributed a regular weekly column to Stabroek News for over 20 years, something which he describes as an interesting challenge and a pleasant occupation. Whilst people may like to have writers they read confine their work to a particular subject, McDonald has not been a columnist of anything in particular – not economics; not sport; not business; not religion; not social commentary; not literature nor art nor drama; not international affairs. And not politics, though how men govern and mis-govern other men has always been a topic of interest.

*A Cloud of Witnesses* contains a small selection of 100 columns from those he has written over the years and covers a wide variety of topics. However, a special concern runs through these pieces, which is to place the joys and cares, and the sorrows and delights of Guyanese in a wider context than just Guyana itself. Guyana, he argues, is caught in the same trap as scores of other poor and vulnerable countries. Struggling in this trap, the Guyanese are certainly not uniquely wounded and should try, therefore, to see themselves in a universal context.

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