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Miłosz, or coming back home

We know – usually from school – Czesław Miłosz as the Nobel Prize winner, the witness of the 20th century who has lived in the shadow of totalitarian regimes, the astute analyst of political and ideological traps, the metaphysical poet. It's less common that we see him as a teacher of mindfulness, an observer of everyday life and nature interested in what is concrete and corporeal, an indefatigable spiritual traveller across heretic nooks and crannies. A man intrigued by life and people, a man who never ossified in certainty, but who was always watching the world with curiosity. On the one hand he was invariably fascinated by the existence, on the other hand – he feared the challenges created by the changing and inscrutable reality. In all of that he is surprisingly modern and forever inspiring.

We want to bring back Czesław Miłosz's multidimensional works to the readers. This does not mean we will duplicate interpretations and readings known from the previous century. What we mean is to open ourselves to the risk of a new interpretation in which the power of the word – in poetry, prose, translation and in thinking – will bring new understanding of the times we live in, confront us with questions about the significance of the humankind, spiritual life, culture and politics, about the sense of the world that we found and the one we leave behind for future generations.

On the 20th anniversary of the death of the Nobel Prize winner, Znak Publishers start a new edition of the works of one of the most remarkable authors of the 20th century. Our most immediate plans include, for example, publishing the essays *The Land of Ulro* and *The Captive Mind*, reissuing the volumes of poetry, among others publishing *Rescue* for the first time since 1945 in the shape given to it by its author at the time, and a bilingual, Polish-English edition of selected poems *Zmyslenie albo wielki sen / Fiction or a Long Dream*. This is just the beginning of Czesław Miłosz's symbolic coming back home – to Znak, the publisher he entrusted with the publication of his poetry books after the censorship had eased up. Our publishing plans are spread across a number of years, so that the works of the Nobel Prize winner can take root anew in our everyday reality.

To supplement Czesław Miłosz's output we have published the remarkable biography of the Poet, already translated into four languages, and authored by the eminent biographer, writer and literary critic, Professor Adam Franaszek. Reading this book is an invitation into the world of the Poet whose works we can find on the lists of the most important publishing houses across the world.

'Miłosz's coming back home' also has a wider, deeper sense – it's about building a space where a dialogue of several generations of authors can sound out, authors invited to co-create this one-of-a-kind series: from Olga Tokarczuk and Timothy Snyder, through to Małgorzata Lebda and Sławomir Sierakowski, to artists Pola Dwurnik and Magdalena Laskowska. Thanks to such polyphonic readings, Miłosz's work will not only gain new meanings and sense, it will also allow us to find our shared roots and delight in the Polish language once more.

We believe that literature and – more broadly – culture have the power to overcome divisions through building new references and perspectives which allow us to find strength in what we, Poles, have in common. After Miłosz's return to the country following the years he had spent in exile, his presence in the 1990s became the sign of continuity of various streams of Polish culture which we tapped into when creating the basis of the new Polish democracy. Today again we need to put that work in, having learnt from the positive and negative experiences of previous decades, aware of the significance of the challenges facing us now. And these are challenges associated with rebuilding of a society of people who have solidarity and are involved, who search for the truth, kindness and beauty; a society of democratic people ready to stand by humans and other living creatures.

Miłosz's work teaches us metaphysical thinking and sensitivity which allows us to see the world without the ideological spectacles, it teaches us noticing details which prove to be the most decisive elements of wise decisions. We are filled with genuine joy that years later Miłosz again comes back home where he can meet new and attentive readers!



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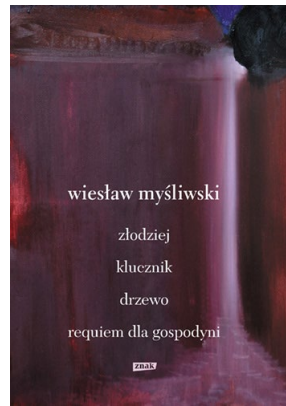
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Fiction



Wiesław Myśliwski
***Dramas. The Thief, The Butler, Tree,
Requiem for the Farmer's Wife***

About the book:

The first edition of Wiesław Myśliwski's collected dramas

The plays are filled with universal, deep wisdom, typical for Myśliwski. In these stories the author returns to topics that are important to him, such as human being's accountability for evil, the confrontation of a new world with the old one, inevitability of history, the end of the peasant culture and its consequences.

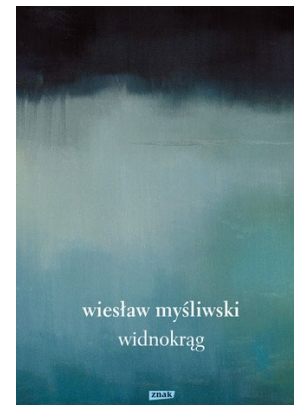
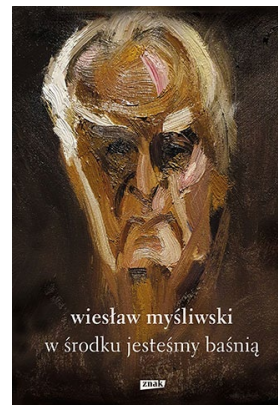
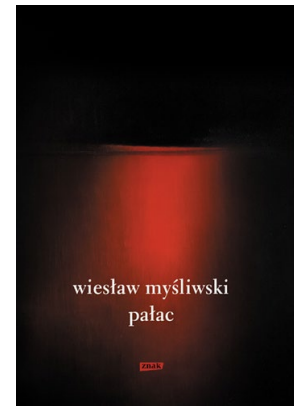
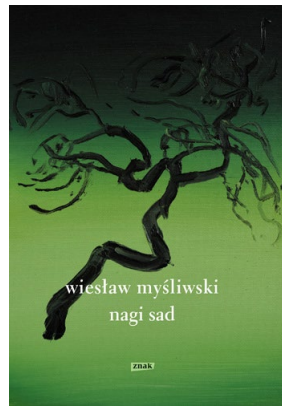
Especially for this edition the author went through all the texts again, implementing some changes, abridging or expanding and – in two cases – even changing the endings. That gives the reader a chance to discover a new literary face of Wiesław Myśliwski.

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Rights available: World

About the Author:

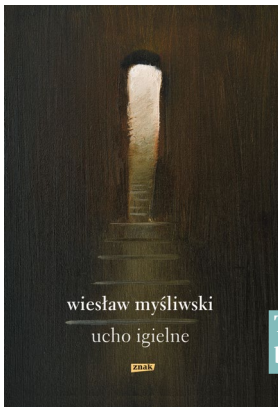
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Wiesław Myśliwski at ZNAK

Wiesław Myśliwski's Publishers:

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The latest novel
by the master of Polish prose

Wiesław Myśliwski *The Needle's Eye*

About the book:

A gripping novel that asks fundamental questions about human existence.

The story begins with an enigmatic meeting between two men on a steep stairway leading to a “wild old green valley,” in a defile known as the Needle’s Eye. A tragic incident triggers the action. Who are these men and what is their relationship? Who is the mysterious girl in the photograph that one of them keeps on him?

In this masterfully constructed book nothing happens by chance; each scene has its own significance, like a step on a stairway. Gradually we learn the story of the central character: his childhood in a small town during the war, his youth spent under communism, and finally old age in present-day Poland. We’re with him in his family home, on walks with the girl, in boarding houses, rented apartments; we see him as a schoolboy, a college student, and finally as a history teacher. From time to time we go back with him to visit his parents, with whom he is close, painfully watching them growing old and moving “toward silence.” History leaves its stamp on the lives of the protagonists, including on those parts that remain unspoken.

Release date: October 2018

Rights sold: France (Actes Sud), Netherlands (Querido), United States (Archipelago Books), Lithuania (Mintis), Turkey (Yapi Kredi)
Translation sample in English available

About the Author:

Wiesław Myśliwski has twice received the Nike Literary Award, Poland’s most prestigious literary distinction. His novels and plays are usually discussed in the context of “peasant literature”, dealing with the problems of the identities of villages and their inhabitants in times of historical change. However, his work transcends this literary category thanks to its philosophical and anthropological importance. His books have been translated into English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Czech, Slovak, Romanian, Bulgarian, Latvian, Lithuanian and Serbian.

Praise for *Stone Upon Stone*:

Like a more agrarian Beckett, a less gothic Faulkner, a slightly warmer Laxness... Richly textured and wonderfully evocative... Undeniably original.

– *Publishers Weekly*

Pietruszka, with winning candor, narrates his life story in a stream of meandering and sometimes overlapping anecdotes that chronicle the modernization of rural Poland and celebrate the persistence of desire. – *The New Yorker*

Stone Upon Stone so immerses us in this world that we can sense, almost hear, the cadences Szymek speaks of. And when he says, “The whole world is one big language,” we believe it. We cup our ears to listen.

– Chris Dombrowski, *Orion Magazine*

Praise for *A Treatise on Shelling Beans*:

This novel from Myśliwski describes an unremarkable life in exhaustive detail; the result is about as exciting as its title implies.

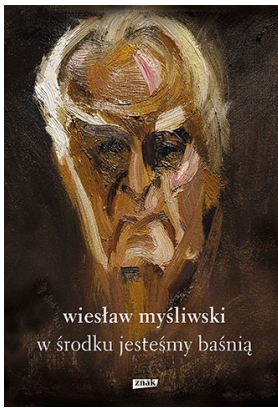
– *Publishers Weekly*

Newcomers to Myśliwski should prepare themselves for a unique voice, intriguing characters and page after page of wily but thoughtful prose.

– Malcolm Forbes, *Star Tribune*

Selected awards:

- Nike Literary Award (1997 and 2007)
- Gdynia Literary Prize (2007)
- Grand Prix Littéraire de Saint-Émilion (2011)
- Three Percent’s Best Translated Book Prize (2012)
- Prix Jean Monnet de Littérature Européenne (2011)
 - nomination
- Angelus Central-European Literature Award (2013)
 - nomination



Wiesław Myśliwski
Inside We Are a Fairy Tale.
Speeches and Conversations

About the book:

"Myśliwski remains an exceptional phenomenon in contemporary literature, one that deserves the highest attention. His novels, written without rush, ignoring literary trends and market vanity fairs, are in fact treatises filled with wisdom and mature knowledge about life, sometimes parables or – as it was said – philosophical essays which still remain fascinating narratives, encouraging the reader to come back again and again. For all of those who would like to find out more about the author of *Ucho igielne* (The Needle's Eye), about his life, writing, the essence of his creative process and about the importance of music in it, about authors and philosophies that matter to him, about the role played by memory, his understanding of human fate, the relationship between an incident and destiny, between poetics of chaos and iron-strong logic of the structure of a piece – this collection is a must read, a real writerly summa."

– Jerzy Illg

Release date: March 2022

Rights available: World

This volume was published on Wiesław Myśliwski's 90th birthday.

It contains his public speeches – including his most famous essay, *Kres kultury chłopskiej* (The End of the Peasant Culture) – as well as some interviews selected by the author himself. It gives the reader a chance to find out more about the writer's childhood and young years, about the beginnings of his literary career, his work as an editor, his long and happy marriage, and about why a writer should never rush. "Inside we are a fairy tale," Myśliwski says and – thanks to this book – we have a chance to learn at least a snippet of the fairy tale that he is.

About the Author:

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Małgorzata Lebda
Voracious

Empik's Discovery
of the Year 2023

Beautiful manifesto of life
and love in the face of what
is inevitable.

About the book:

The most celebrated debut novel in Poland in 2023 from acclaimed poet.

The end of the world. Everywhere is far from this place. Two women come to small village May, leaving their old lives behind. But they are not greeted by idyllic reality. Róża is ill and her husband, in an attempt to save her, step by step dismantles the order that was the basis of their whole life.

Maja is affected by a change which she finds difficult to get used to. The newcomers are not able – or perhaps they don't want – to avert the inevitable disaster, slowly spreading across the whole village. Memories mix with what is here and now, human element with animal element, care with fury. What is alive desperately resists death.

Małgorzata Lebda's novel – careful and affecting the readers' senses – links sensitivity to nature of which man is part, with linguistic mastery. The author creates multifaceted story about the strength of elements, voracity of life and a private cosmos in the moment of trial.

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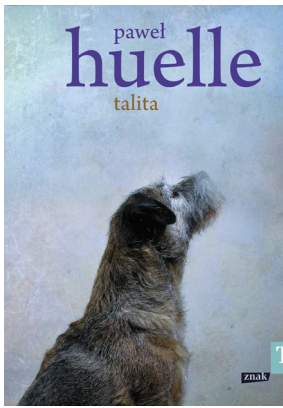
Serbia (Treci Trg)

Film Rights Sold

English and German translation sample available

About the Author:

Małgorzata Lebda is a poet, scientist, columnist, ultramarathon runner, mountaineer, and photographer, she holds a Ph.D. in Literary Theory and Audiovisual Arts. She was shortlisted for the Silesius Literary Award and won the 2019 Gdynia Literary Prize. Her last poetry book *Mer de Glace* (2021) has been shortlisted for the most important Polish poetry award the Silesius Literary Award and won prestigious Wisława Szymborska Award. Her poetry books were published in Serbian, Czech, Ukrainian, Italian, Danish, Slovenian, Romanian and English.



Paweł Huelle
Talitha

About the book:

Talitha kum ("Little girl, I say to you, arise") – the Biblical tale about raising the dead daughter of Jairus is a starting point for twelve hypnotic stories about love and lack of fulfilment, longing and desires, sin and attempts at redemption. The world brought to life here is seemingly distant, but timeless, steeped with buzzing emotions and conflicts.

Crystal clear tone of voice, inimitable language and intricacy of the structure uphold Paweł Huelle's position among the most original contemporary Polish writers. *Talitha* shows a remarkable, seductive force of a story, and renews the belief in a cathartic power of literature.

Release date: September 2020

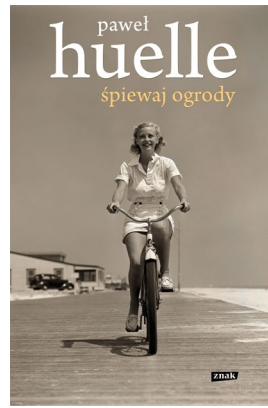
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About the Author:

Paweł Huelle is a novelist and poet. He was born in Gdańsk in 1957 and graduated in Polish Philology at the University of Gdańsk. He worked as a university lecturer, journalist and director of the Gdańsk branch of the Polish Television. Honoured with many prestigious literary awards, Huelle is one of the most successful contemporary Polish writers.

Selected awards:

- Long-listed for the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize in 2013 for *Cold Sea Tales*, the English translation by Antonia Lloyd-Jones of *Opowieści chłodnego morza*
- 2009 "Found In Translation" Prize for Antonia Lloyd-Jones for *The Last Supper*, the English translation of *Ostatnia Wieczerza*
- Nike Literary Award nomination in 2008 for *Ostatnia Wieczerza*
- The Independent Foreign Fiction Prize in 2007 for *Castorp*, the English translation by Antonia Lloyd-Jones - shortlist
- The Independent Foreign Fiction Prize in 2006 for *Mercedes-Benz*, the English translation by Antonia Lloyd-Jones - shortlist
- The Polityka Passport Award in 2001 for *Mercedes-Benz*
- The Kościelski Prize in 1988



Paweł Huelle
Sing Gardens

About the book:

As the eighteenth century comes to a close, François de Venancourt arrives in Gdańsk. When young girls and boys start to go missing from the neighbourhood, nobody suspects the genial Frenchman. Nor does anyone hear the moans of ecstasy or the groans of agony as he tortures his victims in the cellar of his mansion.

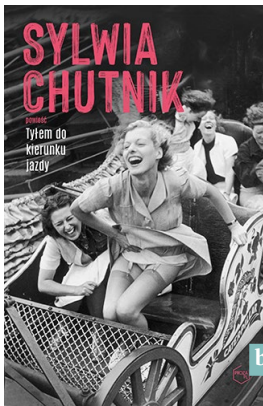
Towards the end of the 1920s, German composer Ernest Teodor Hoffmann buys the house from de Venancourt's heirs, and moves into it with his wife Greta. Both of them are involved with the Forest Opera based in Zoppot, which is renowned for its performances of Wagner. Ernest Teodor has never had a high opinion of Wagner's work or the ideology behind it, but he is aware of the rising power of Hitler. Only when he pays a visit to an old antiquarian in Budapest and finds the mysterious manuscript of an unfinished opera does he start to believe in Wagner's greatness. From then on, he is determined at any cost to complete the work, which is about the Pied Piper of Hamelin. News of Wagner's lost opera soon spreads within the Free City of Danzig and into the Reich beyond, and Ernest Teodor becomes entangled in the web of history on a grand scale.

Many years later, when Danzig has been captured by the Russians and the German citizens are being deported, the narrator's father is given accommodation in Greta Hoffmann's house. In the 1950s, the little boy who will grow up to tell the story about the Frenchman, Wagner and the Hoffmanns, befriends Greta, who is now an old lady. Greta teaches him German and shows him the vanished world of the Free City of Danzig.

This is a very beautiful, superbly constructed novel about a bygone world where a variety of cultures, traditions and ethnicities interacted; about the Free City of Danzig and how Wagner's mysterious opera changed the life of another composer and his wife; about the Pied Piper of Hamelin, and how another procession of rats came pouring through the streets of Danzig in sombre silence; about music in the shadow of Hitler, literature in the shadow of crime, love in the shadow of war, and about the unusual friendship between a small boy and an old lady.

Release date: January 2014

Rights sold: Bulgaria (Ergo)



bestseller

Sylwia Chutnik *Riding Backwards*

About the book:

Nobody in Poland has ever created such an intergenerational fusion of communism and LGBTQ+

Staśka was always a daredevil. Clever cogs, cheeky and always on the go. In the communist times, she was like a colourful bird. She raced along the streets of Warsaw in her dyed plimsolls. Always two steps ahead. Some business here, a flirt there, a little bit of tipple on the side.

That's what Magda loves about her grandmother the most. She herself also finds it difficult to fit the blueprint and fights for herself with the support of her queer friends. But sometimes even friends are not able to help and then Magda simply tries to stay afloat. Despite her mother's moaning and yet another unsuccessful date. After all she has a mortgage to pay and she still believes that she can be happy.

A subversive, funny and reassuring story about the feisty Staśka who fell in love with a beautiful Romanian man and about Magda, a girl with a past. About grandmother and granddaughter who share what is the most important – the need for freedom and living a full life. Always riding backwards.

Release date: September 2022

Rights available: World

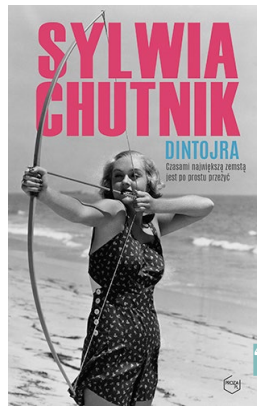
Praise:

Chutnik makes space in literature for underrepresented protagonists (female ones), describes their dilemmas with skill, as theirs is not just life riding backwards, but also in a permanent split. Her writing is luscious and filled with such gusto that you just want to quote her with no end.

– Aleksandra Żelazińska, *Polityka*

Tylem do kierunku jazdy (Riding Backwards) is a praise for rebellion and courage to follow your own, sometimes unobvious life choices. It reminds us that we only have one life and that it's good to be happy. Regardless of whether the world is with us or against us. It is also a mad story about looking for one's own identity and the price to pay for one's freedom.

– Martyna Wojciechowska



'Dintojra' means revenge

Sylwia Chutnik *Dintojra. Stories of Revenge and Warsaw*

About the book:

We will find different facets of 'dintojra' in the new book from the award-winning author, Sylwia Chutnik.

A sex shop sales assistant, an embittered actress, a Woman on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, an abandoned girlfriend, or a brother in mourning – they all have had their hearts broken, they struggle with loneliness and dream of a better life.

The writer, with her typical empathy and irony, tells a story of those who are not always able to find happiness. But they still want to settle their scores with the world.

Because 'dintojra' needs to be done your own way and on your own terms.

Release date: February 2024

Rights available: World

Praise:

What's the most touching is the general 'human' perspective. The protagonists are – in the eyes of the world – slightly extravagant, since they are not easy to pigeonhole, map out and diagnose. Chutnik brings them to the fore. Surreal atmosphere and vivid language are valuable extras.

– Aleksandra Żelazińska, *Polityka*

About the Author:

Sylwia Chutnik is one of the most important and talented Polish writers, author of, among others: *Kieszonkowy atlas kobiet*, *Cwaniary*, *W krainie czarów* or *Tylem do kierunku jazdy*. She is a winner of the *Polityka's* Passport Award and has been nominated three times for the Nike Literary Award, the most important literary prize in Poland. She also writes plays and features. Her books have already been translated into 10 languages. She has a doctorate and is a lecturer. Winner of the Ashoka Social Nobel Prize.



Hilariously funny
bestseller on depression

Emilia Dłużewska
How to Cry in Public Places

About the book:

Hilariously funny book on a deadly serious subject.

We have learnt to make people laugh with stories about toxic loved ones and traumas we had suffered; we carefully calibrate our jokes not to cross the line beyond which laughter turns into pity. And we have practiced this for years: at school, at work, in bars, on trains and in somebody else's beds.

This is not a book about getting lemons from life and turning them into lemonade. It's closer to the story of my friend, who, suffering from a rare and untreatable disease, was slowly but steadily losing control over his body, including his vocal cords. When we met, he could only whisper. "I told my parents I wanted to see an advocate," he once wrote. "They thought I meant an avocado and they brought me a mango."

Release date: February 2023

Rights available: World

Theatre rights sold

English sample available

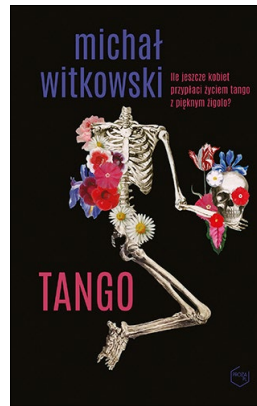
Praise:

In 2023 you are finally allowed to write about your own depression. But better make it funny. Emilia Dłużewska knows the rules of the game. Her book is hilariously funny. Which makes it even sadder. (But you will still laugh your head off, really you will),

– Marcin Wicha

About the Author:

Emilia Dłużewska studied psychology and cultural studies at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. She spent many years living in Prague, Shanghai, Melbourne and Yogyakarta. She works for "Gazeta Wyborcza" daily where she covers culture.



Film Rights Optioned
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bestseller

Michał Witkowski
Tango. Retro Crime Noir

About the book:

In a beautiful way about the ugliness of the interwar period. Witkowski's grand come back in the costume of a retro crime novel.

The end of the 1920s. The landscape after a feast. The great crisis arrives. And afterwards the hangover.

Late autumn, November. Chief Inspector Adolf Piątek starts an investigation into the case of a cruel murder of a tenor singer from the local operetta. The first suspect is the singer's lover, a gigolo working at a local dance hall where every night he seduces wealthy women. Each woman he dances with disappears without a trace. But there is more. In the dead man's apartment Piątek finds evidence which might link the singer to a series of cruel murders committed years before, known as "the Cook's case".

Witkowski portrays the world on the threshold of disaster, where the smell of blood mixes with the smell of vodka, onion, the Shalimar perfume from Guerlain, forbidden sex and decomposing bodies.

Release date: July 2022

Rights available: World

Praise:

Tango... is an excellent prose, it's fully-fledged literature. Witkowski comes back with an exceptionally good offer.

– Marcin Zegadło, *Newsweek*

Witkowski invariably has an exceptional feel for the language. The "town's dark types" – from female escorts to the police pathologist – are portrayed with care, the crimes and all of the not-so-aesthetic evil are balanced with humour. Black one, of course.

– Aleksandra Żelazińska, *Polityka*

About the Author:

Michał Witkowski is the winner of the Polityka Passport Award and the Gdynia Literary Prize. He was also nominated to the Nike Literary Award. He is the author of the celebrated *Lubiewo* (Lovetown), translated into thirty languages. He now comes back with a daring roller-coaster ride through the darkest alleys of a provincial town and human nature.



A literary take on emotional disaster

Filip Zawada
Go Dance with Her

About the book:

The father died suddenly, without notice. He left behind a stuffy apartment, a strange book filled with Indian wisdom and an untamed dog ready to draw blood. Stanisław understands little of it all. Life in an uneasy symbiosis with mamma, whose love densely filled all the empty spaces, didn't require acts of courage. He will need to face it all on his own now. So he takes the voracious Rambo as his guide and, meandering between the eternal absence of the father and overpresence of the mamma, he tries to discover the truth about the man who brought him into this world and – first and foremost – about himself.

Weź z nią zatańcz (Go Dance with Her) is the story of taming. Filip Zawada talks about trust we all need in order to give ourselves and the others the space to live despite all the plans. And about the fact how difficult it is to come to terms with a loss, when we remain imprisoned in the eternal half-separation with somebody who we were not even able to get to know well.

Release date: August 2022

Rights available: World

Praise:

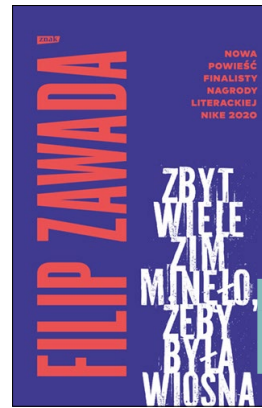
An excellent study of a lack of compatibility, of belatedly finding yourself and snapping out of love so possessive that it is toxic.
– Maciej Robert, *Polityka*

Filip Zawada's *Weź z nią zatańcz* (Go Dance with Her) is a story about a strange, madly complicated love, about a symbiotic relationship of a parasite and its host. This daring book concludes with an unobvious happy end.

– Dariusz Nowacki, *Gazeta Wyborcza*

About the Author:

Filip Zawada is a writer, musician and photographer. He has written two books of prose and six volumes of poetry. He has been nominated for the Gdynia and Silesius literary awards. He composes music for films and plays. For many years he played in the Polish bands Pustki and Indigo Tree.



Qualified for THE ANGELUS
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LITERATURE AWARD 2022

Filip Zawada
Too Many Winters Have Passed for Spring to Ever Come

About the book:

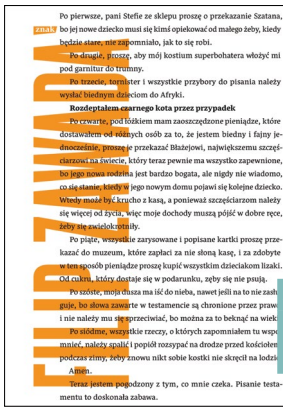
A vivid and eloquent autobiographical novel about the hopeless struggle to find one's own unique place in the world while burdened with a dysfunctional family.

The most recent novel by Filip Zawada is set against a bleak backdrop of communist Poland. The novel is a bildungsroman narrated by a nameless man who describes his childhood, adolescence and young adulthood over a span of about twenty years. The narrator is an antihero – an angst-ridden, insecure, awkward and lonely boy who lives in the shadow of his sadistic and unpredictable grandfather. Larger than life, selfish and gruff, Grandpa Szczepan spends his days on an old couch from a Ukrainian brothel and terrorizes his neighbours at night with the roar of his saxophone. For the narrator, his grandfather – an old-school chauvinist, racist, anti-Semite, misogynist, unapologetic womanizer and a pain in the ass for his family and everyone else around him – is an object of hatred and a symbol of everything that's repulsive. The narrator lives in fear, however, that one day he'll become like his grandfather. This is a book about visceral hatred bubbling at the core of a family, and about intergenerational trauma that resonates throughout subsequent generations.

Release date: March 2021

Rights available: World

English translation sample available



2020
 Nike Literary Award
 Nominee

Filip Zawada
I Stepped on a Black Cat by Accident

About the book:

This literary *tour de force* is about an orphan raised by nuns, a sensitive kid who discovers the world without feeling sorry for himself and sails out onto the wide waters of his imagination.

Only a few things are certain in this world. You won't get dessert if you use foul language. Błażej is a cry-baby and an irritating blockhead who doesn't know a damn thing about life. And adults spend their time dealing with stupid crap, unless they're tanker drivers. When a cat named Satan mysteriously disappears, Stefa the shopkeeper suddenly gives birth to a baby, and it's impossible to figure out what the nuns are really up to.

Rozdeptałem czarnego kota przez przypadek (*I Stepped on a Black Cat by Accident*) is a story about searching for one's place in the world, written in fresh, clever prose that makes you start to realise how much the world you imagine differs from the one you live in. With every page, you become convinced that Filip Zawada wrote this book precisely about you.

Release date: March 2019
 Rights sold: Czech (Argo)
 Translation sample in English available

Praise:

It rarely happens to me while reading a book that I laugh and cry at the same time, but while reading Zawada I burst out laughing and cried like a baby almost simultaneously. This novel, brutally and uncompromisingly, lays bare human (and slightly divine) nature.
 – Wojciech Szot, *Kurzojady*

Zawada has created a (childlike) protagonist who tries to explain the world to himself by reducing language to the simplest words. In this way, he has achieved a synthesis of human experience, full of anxiety, which we adults are ashamed to admit."
 – Małgorzata Halber, author of *The Worst Person in the World*

About the authors:
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Janusz Leon Wiśniewski
States Entangled

About the book:

A new novel from the best-selling author

A man is followed by a scent of his beloved after they had parted their ways. Young parents have to face the issue of otherness of their newborn child. A mother struggles with her need for revenge on a man who had hurt her son. Two identical women's lives took completely different turns. And a man loses his memory in an unfortunate accident, and with it his feelings for his loved ones.

Our fates are intertwined, even if we are scattered all over the world.

Each person faces a trial which forces them to define themselves anew and discover what is it that really matters. *States Entangled* is a story woven of history. Everybody will find a bit of themselves in it.

Release date: October 2023
 Rights available: World

About the Author:

Janusz Leon Wiśniewski is a scientist and author of many best-selling novels, including *Samotność w sieci* (*Loneliness on the Net*), which was turned into a film. He holds a PhD in Information Technology from the Warsaw University of Technology, as well as Habilitation in Chemistry from the Technical University in Łódź. He also writes wonderful books for children promoting science.



Wisława Szymborska, Jacek Dehnel
Szymborska's Quarter or Nonrequired Reading.
Selected by Jacek Dehnel

About the book:

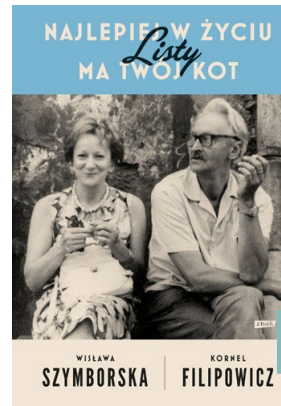
Intriguing portrait of Szymborska.

She reads everything. From *Exercises for Women During Pregnancy and Postpartum*, through lexicons of groceries, through to *History of the Middle Easy from Antiquity*. She discusses read "works" in her feuilletons published in the press over the course of many years. Witty, sometimes brilliantly catty texts combined with her famous cutouts make for an intriguing portrait of Szymborska. Her reading choices reflect the world and the change happening in herself. In the 1970s she asks the reader with a hint of scepticism not to think of her as one of the "militant feminists". In the 1990s she remarks with apparent satisfaction that "feminism is in vogue". She deliberately calls the court of Louis XIV "women's hell". On a different occasion she regrets the disappearance of feminatives from the language and awaits somebody whom she could hug for calling her an editoress.

Jacek Dehnel's authorial selection highlights the timelessness of Wisława Szymborska's *Nonrequired Reading*, still strikingly topical.

Release date: October 2021

Rights available: World



Wisława Szymborska, Kornel Filipowicz
Your Cat Is the Luckiest. Letters

About the book:

Exceptional couple's unpublished letters.

"Your cat is the luckiest, because he is by you," the future Nobel Prize winner Wisława Szymborska writes to Kornel Filipowicz from Zakopane. It was after his death that the famous poem 'Cat in an Empty Apartment' was written.

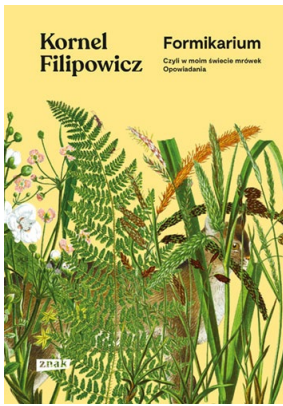
They weren't your regular couple – they spend together over twenty years, but they never moved in together. "We were horses galloping one next to the other," she used to say.

When they were apart, they always wrote letters to each other. Funny letters, lyrical, love letters. We will find intimate confessions in them, but also prices of veal and eggs, thoughts on own writing skills and colleagues' output, stories about family and friends.

Masterly written, filled with longing and tenderness, they give the reader a chance to infiltrate the exceptional feeling linking those two people who – as was said about them – even when stood back to back to each other, still looked each other in the eye. The book is wonderfully illustrated with postcards, Szymborska's famous collages and excerpts from the letters.

Release date: October 2016

Rights sold: Spain (Editorial Las Afueras), Italy (Lit Edizioni)



Kornel Filipowicz
Formicarium, or My World of Ants. Short Stories

About the book:

A proper literary nod to nature.

Filipowicz has an eye of a sensitive naturalist, the protagonists of his stories grow up and their attitude to animals, plants and landscape changes. Stories selected by Agnieszka Dauksza, with nature in the limelight, show Kornel Filipowicz not just as the grandmaster of the short form, but first and foremost as a topical, contemporary and universal writer. A writer fit for today.

“When others are looking for sources of metaphysics, Filipowicz chases biomatter. Not just to own it, but also to feel its closeness and to (re)gain the meaning.”
 /Agnieszka Dauksza [from the introduction]/

Release date: June 2021
 Rights available: World

Praise for *A Provincial Affair and Other Stories*:

Rereading Filipowicz’s stories after many years, I was struck by how contemporary he seems today, how much he says about us.
 – Justyna Sobolewska, *Polityka*

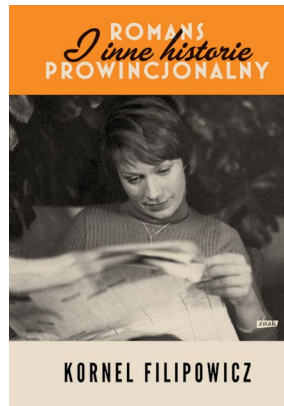
A precious collection of good prose, *A Provincial Affair and Other Stories* shows that despite a flood of literature looking for new narrative modes, classic writing still makes sense.
 – Barbara Gruszka-Zych, *Gość.pl*

Praise for *My Dear Proud Province*:

Hyper-real landscapes, palpable, served to the reader on a platter – to be savoured.
 – Tadeusz Sobolewski, *Wyborcza.pl*

About the Author:

Kornel Filipowicz (27 October 1913 – 28 February 1990) was a Polish novelist, poet and screenwriter, long-time partner of Wisława Szymborska, nature lover, celebrator of small towns, organizer of kayaking trips, much-respected literary figure and a friend of Stanisław Różewicz. An unequalled master of the short story.

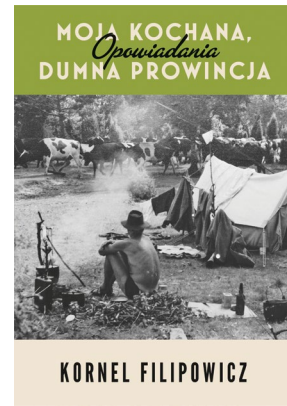


Kornel Filipowicz
A Provincial Affair and Other Stories

About the book:

Kornel Filipowicz was an unequalled master; his writing is crystal-clear and laconic, while at the same time emanating empathy for the world and humankind. His pen reveals the meaning underneath seemingly trivial events; it kindles their inner light. In *Romans prowincjonalny i inne historie* (A Provincial Affair and Other Stories), closeness, longing, mistakes, meetings and partings make up a multi-coloured, shimmering landscape of human emotions.

Release date: February 2018
 Rights available: World



Kornel Filipowicz
My Dear Proud Province

About the book:

A new selection of legendary short stories. Succinct and lucid, atmospheric and dramatic, these stories emanate an extraordinary empathy for the world and humankind.

The author’s sense of humour, spirit of irony and subtle, tongue-in-cheek style make them wonderfully light, while his keenness of observation gives new meaning to marginal, almost banal events. Justyna Sobolewska’s selection brings out the radiance, universality and timelessness of this prose.

Release date: 2017
 Rights available: World



New novel
from the Polish
most acclaimed
crime writer

Marek Krajewski
The Sharp One

About the book:

Marek Krajewski returns with the first volume of a new crime series.

An undefined, large city on the Siecznica river. After dark it indulges in alcohol and a drug-infused fog. Corruption rules and only the person who stands above the law is safe here.

When an arsonist – a homeless drunk – dies in a fire on one of the estates, at first it seems to be just an unfortunate accident. But soon we find out that the arson was in fact part of a complex criminal game. Only a prostitute called Rakieta knows what had really happened and she disappeared without a trace.

Detective Ewa Skoczek, a woman battered by life, and the lawyer Gośka Drewnowska, who hides a shameful secret, agree to find Rakieta. And that means war. Against a very dangerous opponent. Ewa and Gośka have to also fight their own past, which will catch up with them at the most unexpected moment.

Release date: November 2023

Rights available: World



Marek Krajewski
Parasite

About the book:

Marek Krajewski returns with yet another masterly intrigue.

May 1936. A presence of a double agent has been detected in the headquarters of the Polish intelligence and counter-intelligence. His every move equals a death sentence for yet another Polish spy operating in the Soviet Union. Nobody knows who 'Parasite' is and tracking him down is an impossible mission. Only one person is able to take this on: Captain Edward 'Lyssy' Popielski.

His job is to kill 'Parasite', to make him disappear without a trace.

Majestic Saxon Palace, illuminated Grand Theatre, the dirt of the Warsaw Old Town, metropolitan Lviv, charming Hrebeniv; great ladies, elusive spies and Jewish gangsters – a puzzle that won't let the reader stop thinking about it.

Release date: May 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Marek Krajewski is a bestselling author of crime novels. His books have sold over a million copies in Poland and abroad. Krajewski's debut, *Śmierć w Breslau* (Death in Breslau), was published in 1999. Death in Breslau and the subsequent novels from the Breslau series have been published in 12 countries, and the rights to the series have been sold to 18 countries. Marek Krajewski's major awards include: The Polityka Passport Award, the High Calibre Award for the best crime novel of the year and the Wrocław Mayor Award.



The fifth volume of the best-selling cozy crime series

Maryla Szymiczkowa
Death at Venice. The investigations of Mrs Professor Szczupaczyńska

About the book:

July 1903, there are torrential rains. Pope is dying in Rome and Kraków is visited by the high water, as the Vistula bursts its banks and floods the city.

The reality changes, but not so much for the self-proclaimed detective Zofia Szczupaczyńska who needs to solve a criminal puzzle. There are two victims: one found in the river, the other one – in the bathtub.

Will streets turned into rivers stop the unyielding investigator? Will the evidence of two washed out crimes come out? And will the respected husband of Mrs Professor finally discover what is it that his wife takes like duck to water?

Release date: November 2023

Rights available: World



'An ingenious marriage of comedy and crime.'
Olga Tokarczuk, 2018 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature

Maryla Szymiczkowa
Mrs Mohr Goes Missing

About the book:

Mrs Szczupaczyńska, a professor's wife, has a thousand things to do.

She must remember about the poussin for dinner, not forget to buy wine to prevent cholera, and check whether the new maid has cleaned the silver properly. But at the same time she's tremendously bored. Kraków in 1893 does not offer much in the way of entertainment. So when she happens to find out that one of the inmates of the famous Helcel House for retired ladies has gone missing, she goes into action. Mobilizing her innate inquisitiveness – that some might call nosiness – she starts to investigate.

Mrs Mohr Goes Missing is an astonishing pastiche of the literature of the era in which it is set. Here we have a playful game with convention, superb style, witty dialogue and a perverse portrait of Kraków in the late nineteenth century.

Release date: July 2015

Rights sold: UK (Oneworld), US (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), France (Agullo), Rizzoli (Italy), Ukraine (Ranok)

Praise:

Fans who like colorful locales and tongue-in-cheek mysteries will eagerly await Zofia's next outing.

– *Publishers Weekly*

A delightful debut whodunit written with abundant wit and flair. Pray for a series to follow.

– *Publishers Weekly Starred Review*

About the Authors:

Maryla Szymiczkowa was brought to literary life by:

Jacek Dehnel (born 1980), novelist, poet and translator. He runs a blog dedicated to the inter-war crime tabloid *The Secret Detective*.

Piotr Tarczyński (born 1983), translator, historian and specialist in American studies. Descended from a long line of Cracovians, for ten years he has been living as an émigré in Warsaw.



Maryla Szymiczkowa
The Torn Curtain

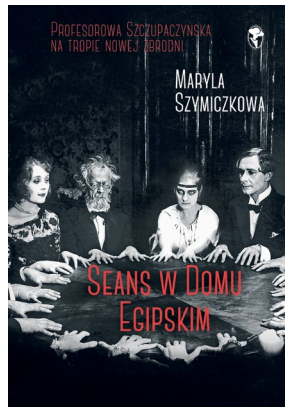
About the book:

A young woman's body is found on the bank of the Vistula River. Meanwhile, Mrs Szczupaczyńska is devastated by her new maid's resignation.

Easter is so close and Mrs Szczupaczyńska has to take care of the whole house with just one maid! She knows though that it is her patriotic duty to find the person who killed the poor girl, even if that makes her look truly controversial. Can she tear down the curtain which hides the dark side of Kraków in 1895?

Maryla Szymiczkowa is back. Humorous, intriguing and even more mysterious, *Rozdarta zasłona* (The Torn Curtain) is a perfect read for all those who love cosy mysteries.

Release date: August 2016
Rights sold: UK (Oneworld),
US (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt),
France (Agullo), Rizzoli (Italy)



Maryla Szymiczkowa
A Séance at the Egyptian House

About the book:

Decadence, table-turning, and a murderer from the nether world. Autumn 1898.

In Geneva, an assassin drives a file through Empress Sissi's heart, and Kraków gets visited by Satan himself: the writer Stanisław Przybyszewski. Some weeks later, polite society – including the very excited Mrs Zofia Szczupaczyńska, the professor's wife – gather in the recently-built Egyptian House to watch a total lunar eclipse and take part in a séance. Twelve people will sit down at the table. One will never get up again.

Another investigation by Kraków's Miss Marple, who feels that this murder case certainly cannot be solved unless she steps in. Her household and her professor husband Ignacy will suffer neglect, but this is higher necessity; the murderer isn't going to catch himself.

Release date: July 2018
Rights sold: France (Agullo)

Bestselling retro crime series!

If Wes Anderson wrote feisty, female-led mysteries set in Poland, this is what he might write!



Maryla Szymiczkowa
The Phantom and the Golden Horn

About the book:

November morning in 1900. St John's Street by the house of Zofia Szczupaczyńska, the wife of a medical professor, is crowded with bystanders – a body of a man was found in the doorway opposite! But Zofia only glances at the crime scene. She has no time to start an investigation. She has to dash to the Virgin Mary Basilica to attend the hottest event of the season: poet Rydel is getting married to a peasant woman!

But later, at the wedding in a farmhouse, Zofia unexpectedly picks up the trail of events which show the murder in St John's Street in a new light.

Will the sharp-minded amateur detective discover something in Bronowice that Wyspiański himself had missed?

Kraków own Miss Marple – observant, intelligent and inquisitive (only the ill-disposed might call her nosy) – on the trail of a scandal straight from a thriller series.

Release date: October 2020
Rights sold: France (Agullo)

About the authors:
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Katarzyna Zyskowska
Roe Deer Cry at Night

About the book:

History is written by the winners, but why is it always women who lose?

Maria had disappeared for 3 days. That was 20 years ago, when she was spending the last summer at her Granny's in the Owl Mountains. Neither she nor anybody else knows what had happened to her then. Now she goes back to that place and she suspects that she will need to face not only her own trauma, but also what had happened on these territories at the end of the war.

Old, formerly German houses, hidden in a valley filled with fog, whisper their dark secrets. Maria, Mareike, Mariana – they all had to hide something and they all had to remain silent. Secrets that remain secrets for too long are too difficult to share.

Release date: June 2023

Rights available: World



Katarzyna Zyskowska
Alchemia. A Biographical Novel About Maria Skłodowska-Curie

About the book:

A novel based on unknown details from the life of Maria Skłodowska-Curie

In the times when men boasted about their collections of lovers and women had to account for love, Curie wasn't scared to reach for what she craved. Both in love and in science. The new novel from the bestselling author, based on a perfect research, full of passion and emotion, appears on the 90th anniversary of the Nobel Prize winner's death (which falls on 4 July). It is a story of a passionate and courageous woman, a genius of a scientist, who had to fight against hatred and hypocrisy to be able to rewrite the history for forthcoming generations of women.

Release date: June 2024

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Katarzyna Zyskowska is a bestselling writer and expert in forgotten stories picked up from the pages of history. In her latest book *Roe Deer Cry at Night* she intertwines the fates of three generations of women marked with the same trauma. The stories of repatriated Polish women fuse with stories of German women fleeing the Lower Silesia from bestiality of the Soviet army.



Film option sold

Igor Brejdygant
Spiral

About the book:

Whoever lost everything, forgets what fear is.

A spark of joy, started by a forbidden relationship, is something that she had craved for years. It was enough for Dominika Stawicka, a perfect wife of a respected minister, always rational and organised, to break all the rules which she had followed up until then. Her affair with Aleksandra – though condemned to have a tragic ending – makes her feel like she is floating in the air with happiness.

She has no idea that she will have to pay the highest price for it. Soon political enemies of her husband find out about her infidelity and the fate takes from her everything that she holds dear, bit by bit. One person after another disappears from Dominika's closest circle, she gets stuck in a spiral of more betrayal, even more painful, and in the end she forgets what fear is. This woman will stop at nothing to save those whom she loves most.

Release date: April 2023

Rights available: World



An engrossing
thriller

Igor Brejdygant
Entanglement

About the book:

The latest book from the Polish crime writer most keenly adapted for the screen.

Every day Karolina Milewska fears for her life. Even a soft rustle outside the door brings the most terrible visions. Kidnapped. Imprisoned. Dead.

The man who is tormenting her, has waited for this moment for a very long time. He has prepared a trap and planned every minute of her suffering. He approaches her step by step, to strike when she is completely defenceless.

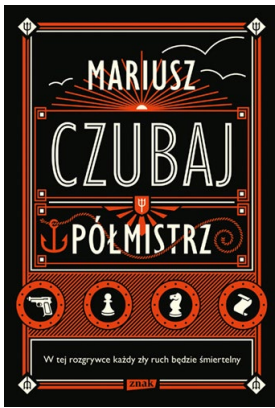
When he finally gets her, she will be his and his only. He will give her a new life. Or take it away.

Release date: January 2024

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Igor Brejdygant is a screenwriter, writer, director, photographer and actor. He wrote many crime novels. He is a co-author of a series of stories inspired by real events, *Opowiem ci o zbrodni*, a basis for a TV series on Crime&Investigation Polsat. Series based on his writing *Szadz* and *Rysa* were nominated to the prestigious film award Orly.



Mariusz Czubaj
Semi-Master

About the book:

In this game any wrong move will be fatal.

Just before World War Two the Polish chess team leaves Gdynia for the chess Olympics in Buenos Aires onboard a transatlantic called 'Przyszłość'. Soon a particularly brutal crime is committed on board and the murderer leaves a chess pawn in the victim's eye socket.

The investigation into this unusual crime is run by a mysterious passenger, Edward Abramowski. He has reasons to suspect that something else is hidden behind the murder.

Amongst the prestigious crowd of passengers is, for example, the eccentric writer Witold Gombrowicz, genius chess players Savielly Tartakower and Mieczysław Najdorf, as well as Nina who is guarding her secrets and who has almost as much to lose as Abramowski. The highest-stake game begins in the luxurious interiors of the ship.

Release date: January 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Mariusz Czubaj is a professor of cultural anthropology and a Polish literary scholar. He authored mainly crime novels. In 2017 his book R.I.P. was awarded the prestigious Grand Caiber Award. He is the only person to receive this award twice.



Katarzyna Michalak
Spring in Przytulna

About the book:

First volume of a new series from the best-selling author

The Gawrosz family – grandparents Apolonia and Antoni, parents Alicja and Andrzej, and their four children – seem to be a normal family, like many others. They love, they fight, they would go through fire and water for each other. But there is something that makes this family exceptional, and it is not just the fact that all their first names start with "A".

Faced with a chance to move into a lovely prewar Przytulna Villa, the family learns that everybody is hiding a secret. They are barely making ends meet, but now suddenly there is money for such a big house. Somebody is leading a double life, somebody else is hiding their feelings. And finally the biggest secret: Azja, the black sheep in the family. He disappeared three years ago, but now is back, to mess up even more. Or perhaps quite the opposite?

Release date: March 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Katarzyna Michalak is one of the most famous and bestselling Authors in Poland with more than one million books sold! She is one of Poland's most versatile writers, moving freely between genres as disparate as the novel of manners, sensation, erotica and fantasy. Her prose is characterised by an exceptional intensity of emotion, fast-paced action, witty dialogue and expressive, believable characters, whom we eagerly follow.



Anna Ficner-Ogonowska
We Are Yours

About the book:

A moving story about all types of love.

They met in the clouds. Each from a different world, usually divided by an ocean. And even though there was a chance they would never meet again, the fate linked them anew in an unexpected way. They took advantage of this second opportunity. The story of their love is a fairy tale. Everybody dreams of one like theirs.

But Ida and Tom want more. They want to become a family. This natural and seemingly banal urge becomes their biggest life challenge.

Anna Ficner-Ogonowska writes with great attention and unusual tenderness about the deepest dreams of a regular-but-not-so-regular woman and about the strength of a man's love who is ready to do anything to make his beloved happy. This story brings hope and restores faith in the impossible.

Release date: April 2022

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Anna Ficner-Ogonowska is the author of the bestselling *Alibi na szczęście* (Alibi for Happiness), *Krok do szczęścia* (One Step to Happiness), *Zgoda na szczęście* (Agreed to be Happy) and *Czas pokaże* (Time will Tell). She studied at the Wrocław University of Science and Technology. She is a daughter, a mother and a wife. She lives in Warsaw. Over 600,000 copies of her books were sold.



Magdalena Pioruńska
TikTok Love

About the book:

First volume from a new YA series.

Bazyl is not the nicest person at school. He always says what he thinks, he can be abrupt, he doesn't care about anybody liking him or falling in love with him. But he belongs to the most popular high school group which rules on TikTok and creates an illusion of an ideal life.

Maks despises their fame. Especially that his thoughts are preoccupied now with the young literature teacher. It's him that Maks wants to impress. So he can't say no when he is asked to write an essay about social media. Unfortunately that means getting closer to Bazyl and his friends.

School TikTokers' secrets get revealed: pretend relationships, betrayals and intrigues, public cancels and the dark backstage of being an influencer.

Among it all a feeling appears that cannot be combatted...

Release date: May 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Magdalena Pioruńska is an author of fantasy novels, an English language and literature specialist. She is the founder and the editor-in-chief of the online culture and literature magazine 'Szufflada'.



Melka Kowal
The Girl Who Was Forgotten

About the book:

A fascinating story for young adults in which mythological gods start to tinker with ordinary mortals' lives.

When Sara regains consciousness after an accident in which her girlfriend Elena has died, she quickly realises that something is wrong... Why does nobody recognise her? And why does nobody REMEMBER her? Is it a punishment for what she has done?

Sara, completely devastated, leaves her home town. She comes to Seattle where she is met by mysterious Horus who makes her an offer she can't refuse: if Sara commits an audacious theft, she will find out what has happened to her and what role has old gods played in it. The girl accepts the challenge, but things start to get complicated.

Breakneck chases, a secret brotherhood and ancient artefacts with magical powers – these will be her new reality.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Melka aka soymel, mother of three, influencer and author of the book *The Girl Who Was Forgotten*. She was fascinated by literature from a young age and always felt that writing was her destiny, but it wasn't until she built her social media community that she got the courage to chase this dream.



A new book from
Zbigniew Rokita,
winner of the Nike
Literary Award in 2021

Zbigniew Rokita
Odrzania. A Journey Through the Recovered Territories

About the book:

One of the most spectacular events in the 20th-century history of Europe took place in the Recovered Territories. Poland faced one of the biggest civilisational challenges: to turn Germany into Poland.

Yet you can still see the seams where prewar and postwar Polands were stitched together. Street signage looks like the Piast genealogical tree. Everywhere there is brick the colour of angry blood. Estates are founded on the German town law, Wilhelm-style buildings have parking lots all around them, unguarded but still paid. Local Poles often still can't decide whether they are from here now or still from nowhere – some still continue spinning stories which were snapped by somebody some time ago and belonged to the now dead residents of their tenements.

Praise:

After World War 2 Poland absorbed a huge part of Germany. One of the biggest demographic experiments in the 20th-century Europe began. *Odrzania* is Zbigniew Rokita's declaration of love for these lands and the people who were and still are the object of this experiment, a fascinating journey into the depths of the recovered world which remains a mystery.

– Dariusz Rosiak

Zbigniew Rokita is brave to face the most difficult aspect of Polish – and not only Polish – history. Highly recommended.

– Tomasz Stawiszyński

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Joanna Gromek-Illg
Wisława Szymborska: An Intimate Biography

About the book:

Joanna Gromek-Illg's biography draws on a vast body of material acquired by the Jagiellonian University in Kraków in a bequest from the Poet herself. Supplemented by published interviews, its main source of information is the poet's correspondence with her family and friends, focusing on those personalities who contributed significantly to Szymborska's personal and public lives. Joanna Gromek-Illg's volume offers a guide through Szymborska's whole life, contextualising her contribution to Polish history and culture, revealing the extent to which external forces and factors affected both.

In the course of what is a substantial, meticulously-researched study, the author provides readers with intimate insights into different stages in the Poet's personal and professional development, treating her subject with great tact and sensitivity. The book presents Szymborska as a complex, multifaceted, self-effacing character, reflecting how the poet saw herself, as someone who possessed more than one personality: 'I am like this one day and different another'.

Release date: November 2020

Rights sold: China (Yilin Press), USA (Princeton University Press)

About the Author:

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Michał Rusinek
Nothing Usual: About Wisława Szymborska

About the book:

Fifteen years as the secretary for someone like her? Oh no, really, it was nothing usual.

Her – a fresh-baked Nobel Prize winner. Him – a young graduate with an MA in Polish Language and Literature. The idea was that he would assist her for three months, between the announcement and the awarding of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1996. He lingered on. The Poet and her First Secretary.

In this book, we meet Wisława Szymborska like we've never known her before. It is a portrait of a remarkable person who combined an extraordinary sense of humour with the ability to talk about things that really matter. This portrait brings us closer to her and to the essence of her poetry.

An eccentric elderly lady. Giggly, sometimes naughty, she enjoyed puns and practical jokes. She felt more at home talking to ordinary people than participating in poets' congresses or having discussions with intellectuals. Depressive. Melancholy. Strict in judging herself and others. Perfectionist. She hated trivial conversations and wasting time on meetings which gave her nothing but 'empty calories', as she would say.

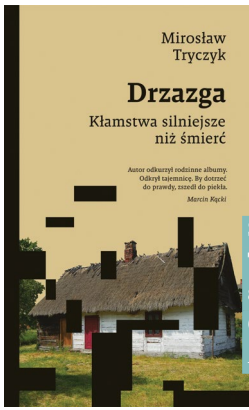
After the Nobel Prize, she often said she would do her best not to become a personality but to remain a person. One day, a taxi driver recognized her, "It's an honour to meet such a peculiarity". He did have a point; she was a rather peculiar representative of our species. And only one author could write about the Grand Dame of Polish Poetry in such a tactful, subtle and nuanced way.

Release date: January 2016

Rights sold: China (Archipel Press), Italy (Adelphi), Serbia (Treći Trg), Georgia (Intelekti Publishing)

About the Author:

Michał Rusinek was Wisława Szymborska's secretary during her lifetime, and now runs the Wisława Szymborska Foundation. He is a literary critic and works at the Faculty of Polish of the Jagiellonian University, where he teaches literary theory and rhetoric. He occasionally translates from English. He writes columns about books and language; he is often featured in the press and TV programmes about literature. He lives in Kraków with his family. He is also one of Poland's most popular authors of books, songs and rhymes for children.



Shortlisted for the
Teresa Torńska Award
and The ANGELUS
Central European Literature
Award

Mirosław Tryczyk
A Splinter. Lies Stronger Than Death

About the book:

Mirosław Tryczyk has discovered that his grandfather, the same grandfather in whose lap he loved sitting, was involved in crimes against innocent people. How do you deal with such truth?

The author goes on a journey across Poland tracing people like him. People, who discovered sins of their ancestors and are looking for a language to talk about them. It is difficult to admit that we don't know how to cope with the truth about our own history, our nearest and dearest ones. How to love those who were killers?

It is a moving reportage about people who are brave enough to remember and who don't want to stay silent anymore. Because repressed guilt is like a splinter which causes the wound to fester.

Release date: January 2020

Rights available: World

English sample available

Praise:

Tryczyk admits that members of his family were involved in killing Jews. Breaking away from the decorum accepted in Poland, he establishes a standard of honesty, unprecedented in our writing, and that enables revealing the truth otherwise blocked by false loyalties. His approach infects his interlocutors, encouraging them to be equally open. This is a reportage "from the frontline of memory".

– Professor Joanna Tokarska-Bakir

About the Author:

Mirosław Tryczyk is a Doctor of Philosophy, a philosopher and ethicist. He is a teacher and a Holocaust scholar, an author of the book *Miasta śmierci* (*The Death Towns*).



The ANGELUS Central European
Literature Award Nominee

Marcin Kącki
Oświęcim. The Black Winter

About the book:

Oświęcim. The town the world knows as Auschwitz. Can you live a normal life in a town marked by evil?

Local legends talk about a curse that has loomed over this place for centuries. Marcin Kącki asks the residents a seemingly simple question, "What is life here like?". He talks to a collector manically searching for mementoes from the camp. To the last Romany who lives in the shadow of the unspoken pogrom. To people who fear going down to their own cellar and to the housing estate residents who walk past the camp gate every time they go shopping. And to those who can't open their windows because of the stench from the chimneys. Even the soil is not at rest, saturated with the poison from the factory.

Mechanisms of evil, once they are put in motion, are slow to stop. Oświęcim is where Polish people's hopes and fears focus, as if it were a lens. And nobody shows it better than Kącki.

Release date: May 2020

Rights sold: Germany (Klak Verlag)

English sample available

About the Author:

Marcin Kącki is a reporter and journalist specialising in a social and historical reportage. He won the title of the Grand Press 2007 Journalist of the Year, two Watergate prizes from the Polish Journalists Association, Grand Press award for investigative journalism and Mediator journalism students' award. He is the author of many prize-winning reportage books. His most recent one, *Poznań. Miasto grzechu* (Poznań. The Sin City) was nominated to the Ryszard Kapuściński Award for the literary reportage.



Film option sold

Tomasza Patora
Skin Hunters. The Secrets of Crimes in the Łódź Emergency Services

About the book:

Shocking reportage about one of the most lethal medical systems in Europe

It started with an anonymous letter. A4 page. 'A list of funeral homes which paid bribes to get control over mortuaries in Łódź hospitals.' Tomasz Patora with two other reporters started an investigation which soon revealed one of the biggest scandals in the history of the Third Polish Republic.

Trading information about deaths, delaying departure of ambulances, chaos in distribution of dangerous drugs and finally more and more cases of surprising deaths. Several months after the anonymous letter arrived at the editorial office, the entire country lived and breathed the case of 'skin hunters,' and law enforcement agencies started their own investigation.

Patora presents unknown documents and witness accounts. He analyses the materials in detail and step by step reveals the network of interconnections, to finally answer the key question: how was it possible for death to become more precious than life?

Release date: January 2023

Rights available: World

Praise:

I'm convinced that a successful TV series will be made based on this book. You read it with burning cheeks like an excellent courtroom/crime/medical thriller. The thing is it all really happened.

– Szymon Jadczyk, Wirtualna Polska investigative journalist

About the Author:

Tomasz Patora is a press and TV journalist, and a university teacher. One of the most prize-winning reporters in Poland. Author or co-author of the most important investigative reportages of the recent years. Recipient of many awards in Poland and abroad, e.g. in New York, Normandy, Hamburg and Venice.



Andrzej Meller, Eleonora Meller
In a Camper Van to Kabul. Following the Hippy Route Through Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Iran and Afghanistan

About the book:

It started as a romance and ended in the besieged city. A true story.

Andrzej, a former war correspondent, always dreamed of showing his wife Afghanistan, the dangerous and beautiful country unlike any other. Ela, a shamanic soul, lover of gongs and medicinal herbs, wasn't sure if she was ready for such a dangerous journey.

The authors want to see Panjshir Valley, never conquered by an alien army, and Bamyan, a Buddhist sanctuary destroyed by the Islamic radicals. They want to find old friends whom Andrzej met during his trips to the war zone. But first they will have to get through dizzying serpentines in the Armenian mountains and get across borders where every foreigner is met with suspicion. Their aim is Kabul where their old Mercedes MB 100, a faithful journey companion, will turn into a lifeboat for Afghans fleeing the Taliban.

Release date: May 2022

Rights sold: Keller Editore

Praise:

Eleonora and Andrzej Mellers' book is exceptional – it talks about my homeland not from the perspective of travellers, but of people who live there, in Afghanistan, day in, day out. It shows it as it is: full of adventures and surprises, both for the authors themselves, and for the reader.

– Tahir Qadiry, Ambassador of Afghanistan in Poland



Aleksandra Kozłowska
***An Ambulance is Coming to the Countryside.
Following the Footsteps of Travelling Tooth
Doctors***

About the book:

A bloodcurdling piece of history of medicine in the communist times in Poland

Upon seeing them, some ran away, but more often than not there were long queues. Nothing surprising about it, since the state of the citizens' teeth was like the capital city in ruins. For many patients this was their first ever contact with a doctor. Toothache was treated with vodka and sand compresses. Young dentists, usually straight out of university, packed their tools and went round the country. They battled not just against raging dental caries, but also with people's ignorance, pain and fear. Sometimes they even had to stitch back a severed finger or deliver a baby.

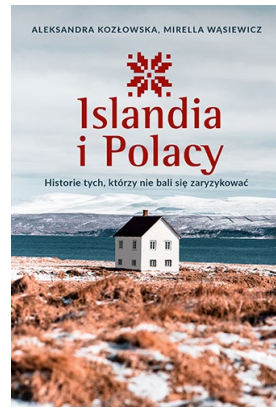
This reportage is a colourful portrait of post-war Polish countryside, the customs, superstitions and conditions people lived in.

Release date: January 2024

Rights available: World

About The Author:

Aleksandra Kozłowska is a journalist, she has cooperated with *Przekroj*, *Polityka*, and *Tygodnik Powszechny*; she has also conducted interviews with Poles living abroad for the Emigration Museum in Gdynia, which is how she ended up in Iceland. The northern country turned out to be a real island of treasures - Polish stories full of ups and downs, hopes and disappointments. She likes the wilderness, wind and cold, camping and cycling at any time.



Aleksandra Kozłowska, Mirella Wąsiewicz
***Iceland. Stories of Those Who Weren't Scared
to Take Risks***

About the book:

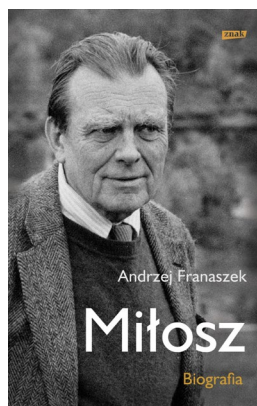
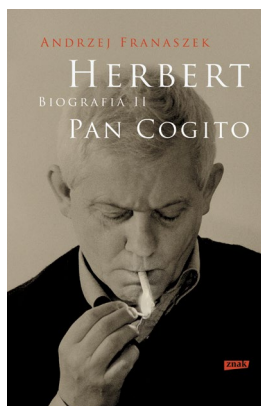
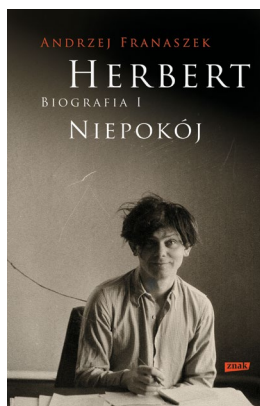
Why is it a good idea to live in Iceland?

This is the first book discussing the pros and cons of living in Iceland. Poles work there in all the sectors of economy, they start their own businesses, organise strikes, lead local councils. Some are so rich, they can buy a star from the sky as present for their wives; others barely make ends meet.

They rewrite the story of the 'new Vikings' in their own style. They talk about the problems they didn't foresee, they show the life in Iceland from various angles, they reveal places worth seeing and those that are best not ventured into.

Release date: July 2023

Rights available: World



Andrzej Franaszek
Herbert: A Biography

About the book:

A monumental biography of the 'Unyielding Poet'. He was a tireless traveller, author of compelling essays and poetic genius. And also an eternal joker and prankster? Or an author tormented by depression and anger, for decades fighting the pain of the body and soul? Inscrutable? Always alone? Certainly a man who shaped his life in spite of history, fashions, adversity, poverty, his own weaknesses. Always against the current.

Andrzej Franaszek, whose biography of Czesław Miłosz won much acclaim in Poland and worldwide, portrays Zbigniew Herbert with great care and attentiveness. He does not avoid difficult or controversial themes; he closely reads Herbert's correspondence and previously unknown personal notes in order to shed new light on the poet's work. Herbert's complicated life is inscribed into a historical panorama, so that the gripping, complex story that emerges from almost two thousand pages tells not only about one of Poland's greatest 20th-century authors, but also about the age which shaped and inspired him.

Release date: April 2018
Rights available: World

Praise for *Herbert: A Biography*:

A monumental biography of the bard of the Polish nation
– Clare Cavanagh, *The Times Literary Supplement*.

About the Author:

Andrzej Franaszek (born 1971) is a literary critic, lecturer at the Pedagogical University in Kraków and editor at *Tygodnik Powszechny* socio-cultural weekly. In 2011, he published a biography of Miłosz, which earned him the Kościelski Award, the Kazimierz Wyka Prize, Minister of Culture and National Heritage Prize and the honorary Nike Award from readers of *Gazeta Wyborcza*. He also published *Ciemne źródło. O twórczości Zbigniewa Herberta* (Dark Source: An Essay on Suffering in the Work of Zbigniew Herbert) and *Przepustka z piekła. 44 szkice o literaturze i przygodach duszy* (A Leave from Hell: 44 Sketches on Literature and Adventures of the Soul).

Andrzej Franaszek
Miłosz: A Biography

About the book:

Miłosz. Biografia (*Miłosz: A Biography*) by Andrzej Franaszek is not only a colourful portrait of one of the greatest authors of the 20th century, but also a historical account showing the brutal paroxysms of that time: wars, revolutions, totalitarianisms, uprisings, independence movements.

Andrzej Franaszek has collected material for the biography for almost ten years – in Poland, Lithuania, France and the United States. He spoke with everyone who could contribute important information about Miłosz; he searched through the archives at Beinecke Library and Maisons Laffitte; he investigated the poet's extensive correspondence.

What is more, he used his material in a remarkable manner: he does not overwhelm the reader with excessive details, but rather creates a portrait of the hero of his story in an effortless style. He does not avoid painful and difficult subjects, delicate personal matters, dramatic decisions and choices. He presents them tactfully and with empathy, helping the reader to learn the secrets of this great man's fascinating life.

Release date: September 2011
Rights sold: Lithuania (Apostrofa,) Belarus (Lohvinau),
United States (Harvard University Press),
China (Guangxi Normal University Press)

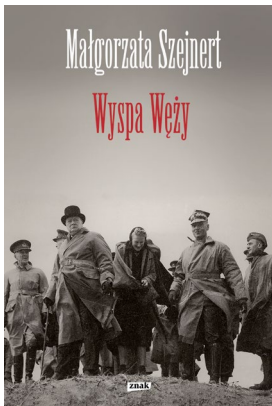
Praise for *Miłosz: A Biography*:

[A] magnificent biography... *Miłosz: A Biography* will reframe our picture of the poet in a way that will last—devastatingly human, flawed, ferociously strong-willed, living with a daemon that never left him, even into his nineties.

– Cynthia Haven, *The Times Literary Supplement*

[A] richly detailed, dramatic, and melancholy book.

– Adam Kirsch, *The New Yorker*



Małgorzata Szejnert
The Isle of Snakes

About the book:

A new book from the empress of Polish reportage.

Going through old letters, Małgorzata Szejnert comes across a family secret.

In May 1943, her uncle Ignacy Raczkowski was buried at a cemetery in Rothesay, Isle of Bute. Why didn't her parents ever mention this? Was there something shameful about his stay on the island?

In search of the answer, the reporter sets out on a journey in her uncle's footsteps, visiting London archives and Scotland. Gradually, she reveals something troublesome from WWII: the Officer Concentration Station Rothsay run by the Polish military, where Polish officers were kept in isolation.

They could play bridge, go dancing or take English classes. No bombs dropped on Bute. Only phantom-like wrecks of torpedoed ships, which could sometimes be seen in the bay, reminded the detainees that the world was burning out there. But the Polish officers felt this forced confinement on the isle to be a cruel punishment.

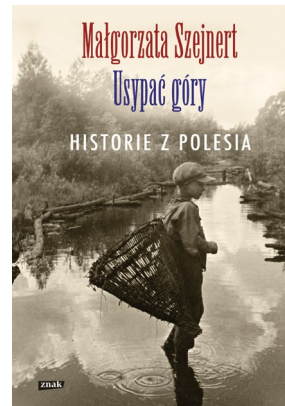
Wyspa węży (The Isle of Snakes) is a mould-breaking story about the war, which oftentimes involves prolonged waiting rather than fighting. Meticulously tracing back events from more than seventy years ago, Małgorzata Szejnert writes about our power and powerlessness, honour and dishonour, but also about memory and forgetting, at the individual, family, and collective level. Most importantly, however, she paints a strikingly relevant, disturbing portrait of us all.

Release date: March 2018

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Małgorzata Szejnert is a journalist who has headed the reportage section of *Gazeta Wyborcza* for almost fifteen years. She has written many books and has received the COGITO Public Media Award, has twice been shortlisted for the Nike Literary Award, and has been nominated for the Gdynia Literary Prize, Angelus Central-European Literature Award, and the Ryszard Kapuściński Prize for Literary Reportage.



Małgorzata Szejnert
Building Mountains: Stories from the Polesie Region

About the book:

A fascinating closeup of the former "Eastern Borderlands" of Poland.

It's a gripping tale about a place where Poles, Lithuanians, Belorussians and Jews once lived side by side, along with the *Poleszycy* – or simply "locals" – for whom a homeland is not about history or politics but simply about one's place in the universe. The author shows us a world frozen in time – a world of magnates, lords, peasants, industrialists, merchants, and *tzadiks* – and describes its dramatic end.

Release date: March 2015

Rights sold: Belarus (Lohvinau)

Translation sample in English, Swedish, German and Russian available

Praise for *Building Mountains: Stories from the Polesie Region*:

Małgorzata Szejnert sets out on a fascinating journey in time and space. It's hard to believe that her destination isn't that far away. *Usypać góry* (Building Mountains) is the best sort of literature; it gives us a broader perspective on our own history and collective identity.

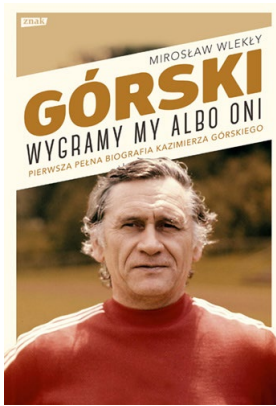
– Olga Tokarczuk

Ryszard Kapuściński was planning to write about Polesie, where he was born. So he would be very happy to read this extraordinary book.

– Alicja Kapuścińska

Books published:

- *Czarny ogród* (*The Black Garden*), 2007
- *Wyspa klucz* (*Key Island*), 2009
- *Dom żółwia. Zanzibar* (*Zanzibar: Home of the Turtle*), 2011
- *Śród żywych duchów* (*Among Living Ghosts*), 2012
- *My, właściciele Teksasu. Reportaże z PRL-u* (*We, the Texas Owners: Reportage from the Polish People's Republic*), 2013



Mirosław Wlekły
Górski. Either We'll Win or They Will

About the book:

The first biography of the legendary coach, Kazimierz Górski.

The early 1970s, there are no meaningful successes in Polish football. A new coach takes over the team. Soon the whole football world will watch him with disbelief. Coach Górski will lead the Polish and then the Greek teams to victories, which were not repeated since.

He was called Socrates of the football world. Thanks to hundreds of conversations with people close to Kazimierz Górski, we get a full picture of the book's protagonist. This book is not just the great coach's biography, but also a fascinating story of the golden era of the Polish and European football.

Release date: May 2021
Rights available: World

About the Author:

Mirosław Wlekły is a reportage writer, the author, among others, of the bestselling biography of Tony Halik. Awarded the Beata Pawlak Award (for *Raban! O kościele nie z tej ziemi* (Uproar. About the Church Out of This World)); longlisted to the Juliusz Upper Silesian Literary Award for *Gareth Jones. The Man Who Knew Too Much*, as well as – three times – to the Teresa Torńska Newsweek Award.



The true story
of what Stalin
did to Ukraine

Mirosław Wlekły
Gareth Jones: The Story of a Man Who Knew Too Much

About the book:

This book tells the true story of Mr. Jones, the protagonist of the film *Mr. Jones* directed by Agnieszka Holland. It's the extraordinary story of the journalist who was the first to tell the world the truth about the Great Famine in Ukraine.

In the 1930s, a young journalist named Gareth Jones made several journeys alone through the communist empire. He was one of the few people from the West to discover the shocking truth about the situation of the inhabitants of the USSR. He spoke both to government officials and ordinary people, such as workers and peasants. He witnessed Soviet crimes first-hand, and in Ukraine he heard about people starving and acts of cannibalism.

He died in unexplained circumstances. Was it because he had exposed the truth?

Gareth Jones was one of the first to understand the mechanisms governing the world in the 1930s: the birth of dictatorial regimes and the development of propaganda. He predicted an attack on Poland and a war between the Soviets and the Nazis. The way in which he was persecuted inspired George Orwell while writing *Animal Farm*.

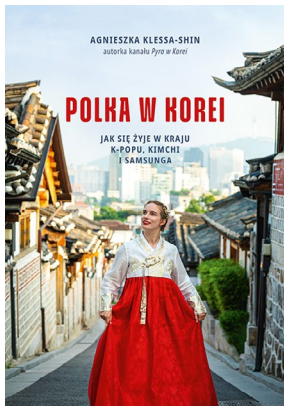
Release date: October 2019
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Czech Republic (Vikend)

About the film:

A journalist's heroic journey into a Soviet nightmare.
– *The Guardian*

The powerful contemporary resonance of a story that veritably hinges on the dangers of "fake news" and its devastating consequences. – *Variety*

'So there's no hope then,' George Orwell concludes sadly in the film, when he accepts Jones's story as true. Yet as long as there are the Gareth Joneses of this world out there, pedalling on his bicycle to bring the truth to the world, there must be.
– *BBC*



Agnieszka Klessa-Shin
A Polish Woman in Korea. What's Life like in the Country of K-Pop, Kimchi and Samsung

About the book:

What's life like for a European woman in South Korea?

Agnieszka Klessa-Shin came to Seoul as a student of Korean studies, armed with theoretical knowledge and already speaking the language. When she got there, she realised that she had landed on a different planet, full of contradictions, contrasts and absurdities, but at the same time surprisingly beautiful and fascinating. She didn't expect to stay there forever, to marry a Korean man and have her videos about the Land of the Morning Calm watched by hundreds of thousands of viewers.

Why are South Koreans not afraid of their neighbours from the North, but always censor knives in films? Do they eat dogs and listen to K-pop? Where are they heading when they are always in such a rush? Why do they get more leave from work when their parents die than when they go on holidays? Why does a bride never put on her wedding dress in front of her mother? And what is the source of han, the sadness shared by all Koreans?

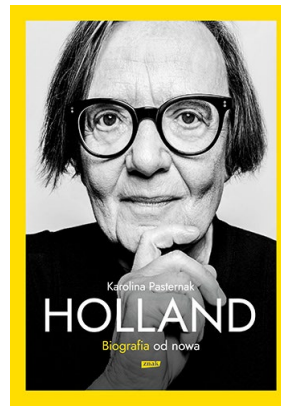
The story about the life in Korea is intertwined with practical advice for those who would like to visit this country, learn about its culture and try local cuisine (without setting themselves on fire in the process).

Release date: September 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Agnieszka Klessa-Shin – known online as Pyra w Korei (Spud in Korea) created a popular YouTube channel where she publishes videos about her everyday life in Korea. She is originally from Poznań where she studied Korean studies. Since 2013 she has lived in Korea. Seoul is where she met her husband, Taejin. She published an e-cookbook *Korean Cuisine on the Polish Table*, which was a best-seller in 2021.



The first biography
of Agnieszka Holland

Karolina Pasternak
Holland. A Biography From Scratch

About the book:

How was it to work and create in the male-dominated world of cinema?

No Polish female cinema director was as successful as she is. She is the icon, or – like the younger ones sometimes call her – the godmother of the whole generation of filmmakers. In this book she reveals the truth about her life for the first time.

Karolina Pasternak, a film journalist, thanks to her exceptional relationship with the protagonist of the book, managed to create a biography of the director filled with unknown and surprising facts.

Release date: May 2021

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Karolina Pasternak has been writing for *Newsweek* for many years. She is an academic teacher and the editor-in-chief. Her texts were published in the most important Polish periodicals. She has interviewed the leading figures in the world cinema, such as Quentin Tarantino and Steven Spielberg.



Małgorzata Czyńska
Lempicka. A Triumph of Life

About the book:

Tamara Łempicka – an artist at work and in life. Insolent, scandalous, fascinated with the beauty of a human body. An advocate of free love and life pleasures. She built her legend in a consistent and uncompromising way.

A story mattered more to her than the truth. Those few added details could turn what was boring into unique. After all living is standing out among others.

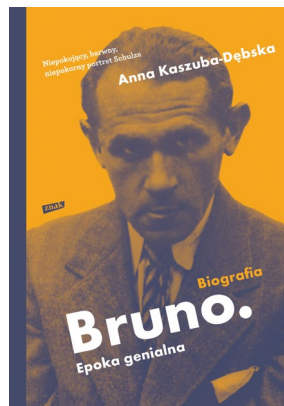
Can you get to the true story, wading through this elaborately weaved legend? Małgorzata Czyńska succeeded in capturing Tamara, the flesh-and-blood woman who loved, worked and struggled with fate wanting to leave a permanent mark in history.

Release date: October 2020

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Małgorzata Czyńska is a writer and journalist, an art historian and an exhibition curator. She is the author of *Metafizyczny harem* (A Metaphysical Harem) and *Kobiety z obrazów* (Women from Paintings), as well as biographies of, among others, Katarzyna Kobro and Maja Berezowska.



Anna Kaszuba-Dębska
Bruno. The Genius Era

About the book:

The fifth child. The youngest son of Jakub Schulz and Henrietta, née Kuhmerker. After his father's and brother's death – the only breadwinner in the family. As a student – exceptional. As a teacher – hating his work. Thanks to his *Xięga Batwochwalcza* (The Booke of Idolatry) some called him a proponent of pornography. Thanks to Zofia Nałkowska – a genius of the avant-garde. In Drohobych – a unique artist. In the Jewish ghetto – one of many like him, whose death meant nothing.

What's left behind are unfinished letters, the legend of an unfinished novel, fairy-tale like murals painted during the war for a son of a Gestapo officer. But his two volumes of short stories, *The Cinnamon Shops* (1934) and *The Sanatorium Under the Sign of the Hourglass* (1937), have gained him immortality and a reputation as the greatest modern prose stylist of the Polish language.

Release date: September 2020

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Anna Kaszuba-Dębska is a painter, graphic artist and illustrator. She writes. She is a director of animated and advertising films. She is known for her art installations *Projekt szpilki* (The Pin Project) and *Emeryty* (The Retired), inspired by Bruno Schulz's works. She co-founded Fundacja Burza Mózgów which organises the largest European children's literature festival. She is the author of the book *Kobiety i Schulz* (Women and Schulz). In 2018 she received a literature scholarship from the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage.



A biography of one of the most original Polish artists ever

Natalia Budzyńska
Witkiewicz. Witkacy's Father

About the book:

Stanisław Witkiewicz. A talented painter, genius art critic and writer, Witkacy's father. A remarkable Lithuanian, an innovative visionary, a stubborn patriot, marked with a family history of uprisings. The man who came up with the Zakopane Style in architecture and discovered for the world the charms of this popular place at the foot of the Tatra Mountains.

On one hand he was friends with pretty much the entire art world at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries, on the other hand he used to sit and chat with highlanders on the veranda while sipping brandy. He didn't have delusions of grandeur, quite the opposite. He didn't even take one crown for designing over 200 homes in Zakopane, he didn't accept prizes and state decorations awarded to him, he preferred peaceful Podhale to overwhelming Warsaw. Three things mattered to him in life: his beloved son, art and Poland.

What did Józef Piłsudski learn from him? What did Witkiewicz see in Zakopane that made him devote a big part of his life to this place? Where did his fascination with the revolution come from? Why didn't he care much about marital fidelity? And how come Witkacy disappointed him so badly?

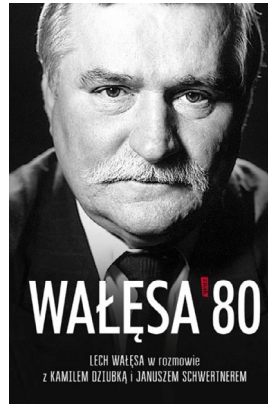
Release date: September 2022

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Natalia Budzyńska is a specialist in cultural studies and journalist, author of reportages and biographies, winner of the 2018 Feniks Award for essay writing.

Religion, History, Philosophy, Social Science



Lech Wałęsa, Janusz Schwertner, Kamil Dziubka
Wałęsa '80

About the book:

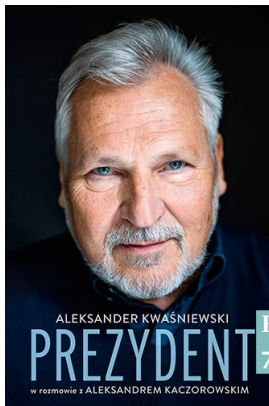
Lech Wałęsa as we have never met him before

He is a symbol. And an icon known around the world. The first President of free Poland. The winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. One of those who lead Solidarity towards the victory over the people's government and towards the democratisation of the country. At the same time he is a regular man, charismatic, courageous, cheeky and uncompromising, with his virtues and weaknesses, a husband, a father and a grandfather.

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, Lech Wałęsa once more – and, as he says himself, for the last time – takes the floor to talk about difficult times of the fight for new Poland in the 1980s and the 1990s, as well as about the chances our country and Europe face in the future.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Bestseller in Poland.
70 000 sold

Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Aleksander Kaczorowski
***The President. Aleksander Kwaśniewski
in Conversation with Aleksander Kaczorowski***

About the book:

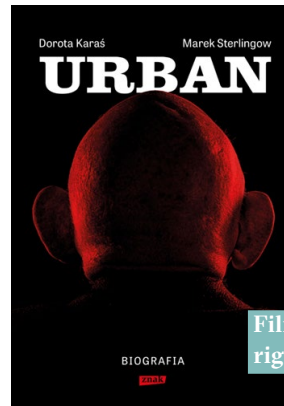
The first book-length interview with the president who steered Poland through the biggest breakthroughs of the last 40 years.

When he got elected in 1995, Poland was astounded. He finished his second term as one of the most valued and liked politicians in the country. In the meantime he was a co-creator of the Constitution and he led Poland into NATO and the European Union. Today he is more of a diplomat than a politician, which gives him distance and depth in looking at his own way, but also at the changes that Poland and the world have gone through.

Aleksander Kwaśniewski in conversation with a biographer Aleksander Kaczorowski for the first time talks so openly about being a president, about his family and himself. He recalls his conversations with Putin about Ukraine and also shares the information – not widely known up until now – about the forming process of the current balance of power on the Polish and global political scene.

Release date: May 2023

Rights available: World



Film and theatre
rights sold

Dorota Karaś, Marek Sterlingow
Urban. A Biography

About the book:

The black legend of Polish People's Republic (PRL). The man whom Poles loved to hate

New York Times has reported his death. At his funeral his most staunch opponents stood next to the most important politicians, journalists and intellectuals.

The banned journalist of the *Polityka* weekly, the independent spokesperson of a brutal government, the head of TV, the editor-in-chief of the *Nie* weekly for which there was nothing sacred, a millionaire and the 'funny old geezer with sticking out ears' from Internet memes – his career remains one of the most bumpy and spectacular in history.

Hundreds of hours of conversations, thousands of pages of archival material in Poland, Israel and the USA, unpublished memoirs – Dorota Karaś and Marek Sterlingow have worked on the story of Jerzy Urban for several years. They have created a portrait of the darkest figure in post-war Poland and showed political games of the PRL officials up until the birth of the Third Polish Republic, its connections and shady dealings.

This is a bestselling historical reportage which won the hearts of both reviewers and readers.

Release date: September 2023

Rights available: World



Mariusz Samp
Checkmate. How Russia's Rulers Died

About the book:

A fascinating story of the last days of some cruel people. They had one thing in common – they were all rulers of Russia.

They say that being a ruler of Russia is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. A dagger in the back, a bullet to the head and mysterious illnesses were all a common thing at the Moscow court. The book by Mariusz Samp, a young historian, describes the last moments of the most famous Russian rulers. One died in terrible agony, another one drunk himself to death, and another one still was killed by a Pole. Not to mention Stalin who was dying for several hours wearing piss-soaked trousers.

Checkmate! That's what could be said at the moment of death of one of the cruelest European rulers, Ivan the Terrible. According to the legend this ruthless and autocratic tsar of Russia died during a game of chess.

Release date: February 2024

Rights available: World

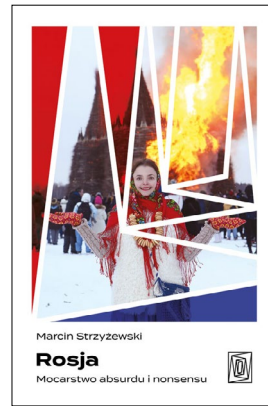
Praise:

Mariusz Samp describes – without beating about the bush – what Russia used to be like and what price people at the highest echelons of power used to have to pay for even the most minor slip-ups. This book absorbs completely from the very first to the very last page.

– Kamil Janicki, historian, feature writer, author of the book *Serfdom*

Centuries pass, political systems change, but in Russia the shift of power is often accompanied by death, not infrequently in mysterious circumstances. In his book Mariusz Samp shows that despite of hundreds of years having passed, Russia still bids farewell to its rulers in an abrupt and grim way.

– Paweł Czernich, *Onet* journalist



Marcin Strzyżewski
Russia. The Superpower of Absurd and Nonsense

About the book:

Can Russia be understood without knowing what everyday life of its citizens is like?

Get to know the place where how high is your fence attests to your wealth, where each time you drive across a road, you are in mortal danger, where democracy is a myth, but homeless mutts are building their republic. In this Christian country tens of millions are spent each year on sessions with shamans and the most important criterion for a woman when choosing a partner is “so that he doesn’t hit.”

Marcin Strzyżewski takes his readers on a journey to a country which rests as much on the authoritarian rule of Vladimir Putin, as on superstitions and absurdities. To a superpower which trips over its own legs, where tones of potatoes are grown in small backyard gardens and where washing machines operate without water. How is that possible? It can only happen in Russia.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Justyna Dźbik-Kluge
Vows of (Dis)Obedience. The True Life of Nuns

About the book:

What's life like for women behind a convent's walls?

Why do women decide to join a convent and make vows of obedience, poverty and chastity? They need mother superior's permission for anything, they have no money at their disposal (even the money they themselves earn), they give up on romantic and sexual relationships. What's their motivation? Do they sometimes regret their decision?

Justyna Dźbik-Kluge peeks behind the walls of a female monastery. She talks to some nuns and one former nun. She checks whether our idea of the sisters' life is true. She asks difficult questions about wrongdoings, money and power; about how they manage in the institution dominated by men. After making vows of obedience, can they live their life on their own? What links them to women who have not chosen such restrictive way of life?

This book is like a diary of a journey to a different world. The author attempts to understand the sisters' choices, the problems they face, their life within the hierarchical system, a system which makes it easy to lose sight of a human being sometimes.

Release date: August 2023

Rights available: World



Piotr Żyłka
The German Priest Entering Auschwitz

Evil can't have the last word

About the book:

He was born in post-war Germany when the Holocaust was not something you talked about at school or at home. As a young pacifist he wanted to volunteer in Israel, but before that he went to Auschwitz. He didn't expect the shock that awaited him there. Years later, as a priest, he returned to Oświęcim. And he stayed there till now.

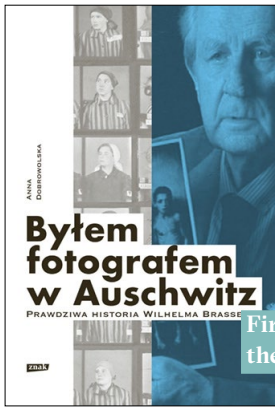
In this moving conversation with Piotr Żyłka, father Manfred Deselaers talks about his unusual road and about what he tries to do so that "Hitler doesn't have the last word in Auschwitz". He shares stories of other people – especially of former prisoners – which became roadsigns for him. He tries to find a personal answer to the questions he is constantly confronted with.

Release date: September 2022

Rights sold: Germany (Herder)

About the Author:

Piotr Żyłka is a sensitive journalist, publicist, a member of the Zupa na Plantach organisation which helps the homeless. Between 2015 and 2020 he was the Editor-in-Chief of deon.pl. Author of several books, e.g. the bestselling interview with father Kaczkowski *Życie na pełnej petardzie. Wiara, polędwica i miłość* (Living With All Guns Blazing. Faith, Pork Loin and Love), and recently the interview with father Manfred Deselaers *Niemiecki ksiądz u progu Auschwitz* (The German Priest Entering Auschwitz). Winner of the Bishop Jan Chrapka "Ślad" Award. He runs podcasts *Listening to Hear* and *Faith for Doubters*.



First-person report from
the camp hell

Anna Dobrowolska
***I Was a Photographer in Auschwitz.
A True Story of Wilhelm Brasse***

About the book:

"My name is Wilhelm Brasse. I'm a photographer. Starting from September 1940 I was a prisoner in the concentration camp in Auschwitz. I took over 50 thousand pictures for the camp records. I also documented doctor Mengele's experiments." This is the beginning of the story of a man whose photographs became evidence of crime against humanity.

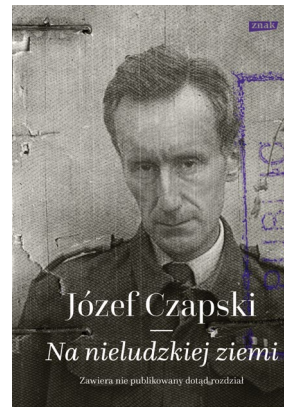
Wilhelm Brasse, a 23-year-old man from Żywiec, was sent to Auschwitz. He spent over four years there and was commissioned by the Nazis to create photographic documentation. After the war his pictures have been circulated around the world, providing evidence of the tragedy of over a million people. After Auschwitz Brasse never returned to his job. Dark memories from the camp didn't let him take regular photographs.

Release date: October 2022
Rights sold: Slovakia (Citadella)

Praise:

I'm very impressed with this book. It is not an academic work, neither is it exactly a memoir, but it provides regular contemporary people with a lot of information, not just about the camp, but about the system which created those camps.

– Władysław Bartoszewski



Contains previously
unpublished material

Józef Czapski
The Inhuman Land. New Edition

About the book:

A world classic of 20th century literature

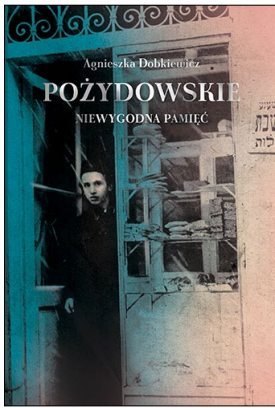
Alongside Gustaw Herling-Grudziński's *A World Apart* and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago*, *The Inhuman Land* belongs to the canon of the most harrowing books about suffering brought upon the world by the communist utopia – a utopia made real with unimaginable cruelty by the Soviet apparatus of violence and exploitation.

The introduction to this new edition of Józef Czapski's work was written by Professor Natalia Lebedeva, a foremost expert on the history of Katyn.

Release date: March 2017
Rights sold: United States (The New York Book Review),
Czech Republic (Nakladatelství Academia), France (Noir sur Blanc),
Ukraine (V. Books), Italy (Adelphi),

About the Author:

Józef Czapski (April 3, 1896 – January 12, 1993) was a Polish artist, author, critic and officer of the Polish army. As a painter, he is notable for his membership in the Kapist movement, which was heavily influenced by Cézanne. Following the Polish Defensive War, he was made a prisoner of war by the Soviets and was among the very few officers to survive the Katyn massacre of 1940. Following the Sikorski-Mayski Agreement, he was an official envoy of the Polish government searching for the missing Polish officers in Russia. After World War II, he remained in exile in the Paris suburb of Maisons-Laffitte, where he was among the founders of *Kultura* monthly, one of the most influential Polish cultural journals of the 20th century.



Agnieszka Dobkiewicz
Of Jewish Past



Agnieszka Dobkiewicz
The Girls from Gross-Rosen



Agnieszka Dobkiewicz
A Little Nuremberg

The unknown
nightmare
of the Gross-Rosen
concentration
camp

About the book:

How deeply do Jewish roots penetrate the Polish identity?

Burning of a copy of the Statute of Kalisz by nationalists in 2021 was widely reported across the world. International community expressed its deep outrage, but for Agnieszka Dobkiewicz this was something that prompted her to conduct her own journalistic investigation. From fairy-tale-like illustrations by Marcin Szancer, to the *shirley* dolls of Kalisz, through to kosher version of the Toruń gingerbread – she looks for an answer to the question about when does somebody else's become one's own, when does what is (ex)Jewish turn into Polish?

Release date: June 2024
Rights available: World

About the book:

Forgotten stories from the camp hell.

The Nazis were very good at removing evidence of their own crimes. They destroyed concentration camps, burnt paperwork, buried bodies of female prisoners in mass graves somewhere in the middle of nowhere. Which is why the past of the girls from Gross-Rosen is covered with the dust of oblivion. Using scant surviving documents, Agnieszka Dobkiewicz tries to uncover the painful truth about the life of Ruth, Felice, Fela, Gerda, Alize and Halina.

Six young girls linked by the same fate. They all had dreams, plans, ambitions, but they ended up in a place where the line dividing humanity and savagery was very thin. Each survived the hell of Gross-Rosen. Each was sent on the Death March. Unfortunately not all of them survived the trek in the middle of winter.

Release date: April 2022
Rights sold: Czech (Vydavatelstvi VIKEND)

About the book:

Summer 1946, Świdnica. A real shocker – a transport of prisoners arrives in the town; these are former SS-men, the camp butchers. Among them there are six KL Gross-Rosen guards captured by the Allies and the Soviets in 1945.

A painstaking investigation starts, as the Polish public prosecution attempts to prove their guilt. Thousands of pages of documents, hundreds of witnesses, hours and hours of trials and months of waiting for the sentence. The contemporaries start calling this trial the Polish Nuremberg.

Release date: July 2020
Rights sold: Czech (Vydavatelstvi VIKEND)

About the Author:

Agnieszka Dobkiewicz is a journalist fascinated with history, an expert in history of the Lower Silesia. She researches the KL Gross-Rosen. She wrote many pieces and publications devoted to this subject.



Joanna Lamparska
Doctors Who Kill.
Hitler's medical guard

About the book:

There were three hundred of them.

Hitler's medical guard in the concentration camps. Beasts, monsters, degenerates? People who were supposed to save lives, specialists who in other times would have been running an ordinary medical practice somewhere in Germany.

Joanna Lamparska looks into the lives of SS doctors. She listens to the last words of the murderers standing under the noose. And watches the escape of the torturers through Gross-Rosen, a forgotten concentration camp in Lower Silesia.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Joanna Lamparska
The Empire of Small Infernos

About the book:

Terrifying mysteries of Dr Mengele's secret medical laboratory.

Spring 1945. The Third Reich is dying away.

Doctor Mengele, the Angel of Death, flees Auschwitz and wanders along the Polish-Czech border, carrying out selections in women's camps in the Gross-Rosen complex.

In the end he reaches Sieniawka, a small place in the Lower Silesia.

Sieniawka was one of subcamps of Gross-Rosen, a monstrous machinery of death made up of a hundred of such places scattered across Poland and Czechoslovakia. It was here that mass extermination took place, the prisoners were enslaved and sinister medical experiments were carried out.

It was hell on earth, an empire of small infernos.

Year 2018. Joanna Lamparska picks up a trail of a secret World War II medical laboratory and starts her investigation. Long, dark tunnels, laboratory benches, forgotten notes and tattered accounts lead her to a petrifying secret, which leaves her with more questions than answers.

Release date: August 2019

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Joanna Lamparska is a writer and journalist who investigates secrets of the Lower Silesia and gathers information about relics and documents lost during World War 2. She is an author of over ten books.



Winner of the
Teresa Torńska Award
for the best non-fiction
book of 2018

Michał Wójcik
Treblinka 43: Rebellion in the Death Factory

About the book:

The story of people who managed to halt the Holocaust machine for a month.

On 2 August 1943, an uprising broke out in Treblinka concentration camp. It was the only rebellion of this kind organised on such a big scale and carried out so successfully. Seven hundred inmates took part; three hundred ran away; almost one hundred survived to see the end of the war.

This book reconstructs the history of this little-known incredible feat. It's a story about extraordinary courage, faith and hope; a proof that a miracle can happen even in the worst hell on earth.

Release date: August 2018

Rights sold: Germany (Piper), Netherlands (Omniboek), Czech Republic (Albatros Media)

About the Author:

Michał Wójcik is a historian and journalist. He has been awarded the Polityka History Prize for *Made in Poland*, a book about the Home Army soldier Stanisław Likiernik (written together with Emil Marat). He also co-authored the bestselling book *Ptaki drapieżne: historia Lucjana "Sępa" Wiśniewskiego, likwidatora z kontrwywiadu AK* (Birds of Prey: The Story of the Home Army's Special Assassin Lucjan 'Sęp' Wiśniewski), and wrote a book-length interview with Zofia Posmysz, a Holocaust survivor, published in 2017 as *Królestwo za mgłą* (A Kingdom beyond the Mist) and a book about a WWII double agent titled *Baronówna. Na tropie Wandy Kronenberg* (The Baron's Daughter: Tracking Wanda Kronenberg).



Anna Herbich
Surviving Girls

About the book:

True stories of women of Jewish origins who survived the biggest genocide in the history of the world.

"You said you wanted to live," Zofia heard from her mum. Together they escaped from the Majdanek camp. Krystyna and her parents escaped from the burning Warsaw ghetto through the sewers. All through the war Danuta was at the mercy of complete strangers.

For local Jews the Nazi occupation of the territory of Poland meant the end of the peaceful life. Beatings, theft, the mandate to wear the so-called David's star. People were closed off in ghettos where famine and diseases spread. Whoever managed to survive had a concentration camp in store for. Only a few would survive this hell.

They didn't do anything wrong. They didn't harm anybody. They were unlucky to be born in Jewish families. Brought up in the times of peace, they suddenly had to come face to face with monstrosities of the war. They lost their nearest and dearest one by one. They lived in continuous fear. They were stripped of dignity. Few met good people on their paths, others had to take care of themselves.

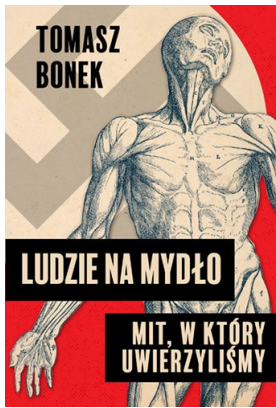
But they survived. In some cases as the only ones in their entire families. These are their stories.

Release date: January 2020

Rights sold: Czech (Albatros)

About the Author:

Anna Herbich (born 1986) is a journalist at *Do Rzeczy* weekly; she has also worked for *Rzeczpospolita* and *Uważam Rze*. She was born and lives in Warsaw. She is the author of the bestselling book *Dziewczyny z Powstania* (Girls of the Warsaw Uprising'44), *Dziewczyny z Syberii* (Girls of Siberia) and *Dziewczyny z Solidarności* (Girls of the Solidarity Movement), in which she presents the lives of women during crucial events in Polish 20th-century history. Over 150,000 copies of her books have been sold.



Tomasz Bonek
People for Soap. A Myth We Believed

About the book:

Did Nazis turn people into soap?

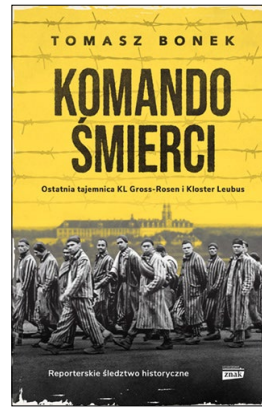
10 May 1945. Writer Zofia Nałkowska is making her way across destroyed Warsaw. She is holding a news agency dispatch in which the correspondent is informing about a discovery of a factory in Gdańsk where soap was made of human fat. Together with other members of the committee set up to investigate German crimes, she goes to the airport and boards a plane. She flies to Pomerania to find out what really happened.

What did German anatomists do in Gdańsk, Poznań and Wrocław? Do they have blood of innocent victims on their hands?

The investigation is led by Tomasz Bonek, a reporter specialising in solving mysteries going back to the time of World War 2. The documentarist explains how the first Polish fake news came to be, and also uncovers the dark sides of the fascist medicine.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Tomasz Bonek
The Death Kommando

About the book:

Hitler's secret project – a journalistic investigation

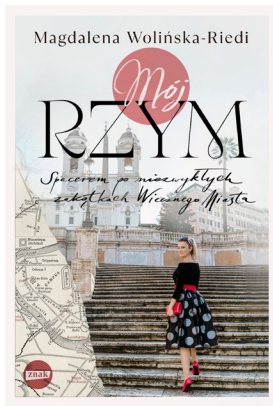
Year 1982. Martial Law has just been introduced. Archeologists and Security Service officers who inspect the Lubiąż Abbey near Wrocław, find thousands of scattered bones. According to witnesses these were the remains of prisoners brought here from KL Gross-Rosen.

What secret does the biggest Cistercian monastery in Europe hide? Have the Germans been working here to develop another miraculous weapon which was supposed to change the fate of the war? Who were the people in the death kommando and did they all have to die?

The highest authorities of the Polish People's Republic attempted to solve the mystery of the monastery. To no avail. Years later the reporter and documentarist Tomasz Bonek picks up the investigation. The trail first takes him to Dachau, Oslo and Berlin, then to Lower Silesia. It's about one of Hitler's secret projects. Leading scientists sent to concentration camps in the Third Reich were working on it.

Release date: May 2023

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Magdalena Wolińska-Riedi
**My Rome. Visiting the Most Extraordinary
Corners of the Eternal City**

About the book:

Personal guide to the Eternal City

Magdalena Wolińska-Riedi, author of the Vatican trilogy, including the best-selling *A Woman in the Vatican*, who has lived in the very heart of the Eternal City for twenty years, this time takes us on an extraordinary walk around her Rome.

Together with her we will visit places seen mainly by the locals, we will meet Mariella, the organiser of fashion shows on the Spanish Steps, as well as Rino, known as the King of the Papparazzi, who was the first photographer in the 1950s who started taking pictures of Hollywood stars visiting Rome and by doing that he created a whole new profession. We will peek into an unusual doll hospital at via di Ripetta and into an antiquarian bookshop not far from Piazza Farnese, which is like something straight from a fairy tale. And this is just the beginning of this extraordinary walk.

Release date: September 2023

Rights available: World



Magdalena Wolińska-Riedi
**A Woman in the Vatican.
Living in the Smallest Country of the World**

Vatican from the
perspective of a woman

About the book:

Magdalena Wolińska-Riedi is a journalist who, as one of very few women, lived behind the Portone di Bronzo for almost twenty years. In her best-selling book she tells the readers about everyday life in the smallest country in the world.

She reveals surprising facts and tidbits. She explains how the criminal, justice and administrative systems, as well as medical care work. What the Vatican passport looks like, how many cells there are in the local prison and if children are allowed to invite friends and organise parties in the Vatican apartments.

Vatican is the seat of the highest authorities of the Catholic church, but also the place of life of almost four hundred citizens, of which one hundred are lay. The pope himself is their neighbour.

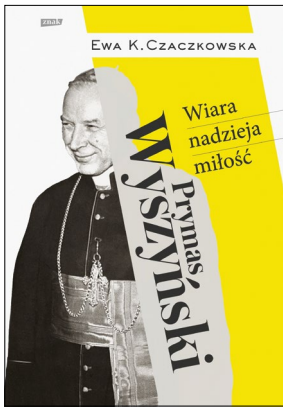
Release date: April 2019

Rights available: World

Translation sample in Italian available

About the Author:

Magdalena Wolińska-Riedi is a Polish-Vatican journalist and television presenter. She has been living and working in Vatican City since 2003 and holds Vatican City citizenship through her marriage to her husband, a member of the Pontifical Swiss Guard, thus making her one of 30 women to hold Vatican citizenship in the world. Through these translation work, she has been associated with the Holy See's Sacred Roman Rota and the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura in a legal capacity. Her book *Kobieta w Watykanie. Jak się żyje w najmniejszym państwie świata* (*A Woman in the Vatican. Living in the Smallest Country in the World*) was a huge bestseller in Poland and sold in more than 30,000 copies.



Ewa K. Czackowska
Primate Wyszyński. Faith, Hope, Charity

About the book:

An unknown face of one of the most outstanding Poles in the 20th century, the Primate of the Millennium.

Best-selling and well respected author Ewa K. Czackowska presents an unknown face of the Primate. She creates a portrait of a real man, filled with passion, bravery and love, steadily fulfilling his life mission. She talks about friendships and forgiveness, about the Primate's relations with Karol Wojtyła, about the most important women in his life. She describes miracles which took place through his intercessions. The book also contains a conversation with Father Zdzisław Kijas, the relator during Cardinal Wyszyński's beatification process.

Release date: April 2020

Rights available: World



A new book from the
bestselling author

Ewa K. Czackowska
Mystics. Stories of the Chosen Women

About the book:

Wanda Boniszewska was a stigmatist who experienced Christ's suffering in her own body. She went through hell while in a Soviet gulag. Oppressors converted under her influence.

Alicja Lenczewska was a teacher who converted at the age of 50. For over 20 years she carried out conversations with Jesus which she recorded.

Wanda Malczewska was an aunt of the painter Jacek Malczewski and a social activist. She taught peasant children, opened hospitals, helped the January Uprising insurgents. She has seen the Way of the Cross and Christ's death. She has forecasted that Poland would regain its independence and what its future would be like.

Maria Franciszka Kozłowska had visions which lead her to a schism. She founded the Mariavite Church. She was declared heretic by the Vatican.

Ewa K. Czackowska describes startling stories of four Polish mystics, extraordinary women who broke the mould, often shocking others around them. They were met with disbelief, suspicion and rejection. Were they all able to assess what God was trying to tell them and stay true to it?

Release date: September 2019

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Ewa K. Czackowska has a PhD in history, is a journalist and writer. She is the author of many books, some translated into foreign languages, e.g. biographies of Primate Stefan Wyszyński and Father Jerzy Popiełuszko, as well as *Mistyczki. Historia kobiet wybranych* (The Mystics. Stories of the Chosen Women), *Cudy św. Faustyny* (Saint Faustina's Miracles) and *Bajki mariackie* (St. Mary's Fairytales). She is the winner of four Fenikses awarded by the Catholic Publishers Association.



A new edition of the bestselling biography of the Saint on the twentieth anniversary of her canonisation

Ewa K. Czackowska
Faustina: The Mystic and Her Message

About the book:

She was accused of hysteria and making things up. For a long time nobody believed that a simple, uneducated girl had been chosen by Jesus to be the Secretary of the Divine Mercy.

When she experienced darkness, she felt that God had left her, that she was on her own. When she saw Jesus, she talked to Him. “You will prepare the world for my final coming,” he told her. But he didn’t make it any easier for her to deliver this huge mission. How was she supposed to do it?

In mystic visions she saw both hell and her own canonisation. For a long time the church could not appreciate the importance of her message. However the devotion to the Divine Mercy spread all over the world – just like Jesus wanted it to.

The passion of the journalist and the historian resulted in this one of a kind biography of the biggest Polish Saint. The author reveals unknown facts from Sister Faustina’s life and the secrets of spreading of the devotion to the Divine Mercy.

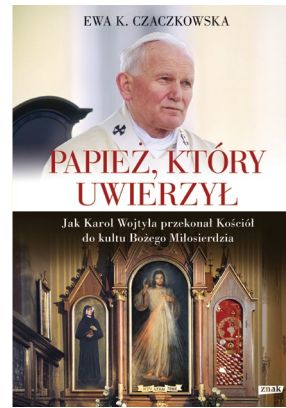
This is a new edition of the bestselling biography which sold over 70,000 copies and was translated into eleven languages.

Release date: February 2020

Rights sold: Lithuania (UAB Kataliku Pasaulio Leidiniai), Slovenia (Druzina), Brasil (Provincia Da Misericordia Divina Da Congregacao Dos Marianos No), Croatia (Kršćanska sadašnjost d.o.o.), France (Yves Briend Editeur), Spain (Ediciones Palabra), Italy (Edizioni San Paolo), Slovakia (Pallotini), USA (Marian Press)

About the Author:

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Ewa K. Czackowska
The Pope Who Believed

About the book:

Who knows what could have happened to the cult of the Divine Mercy if it hadn’t been for Pope John Paul II.

A wonderful story of the spiritual bond between two great Polish saints: a mystic and a pope. Still half a century ago the Vatican opposed the cult propagated by Sister Faustina. In the 1950s most Polish bishops asked to suppress it. The images of the Divine Mercy were being removed from some of the Polish churches. The fact that Sister Faustina became a saint is largely owed to the late Pope John Paul II. He was persistent in spreading her cult and convincing millions of people around the world to believe. Ewa K. Czackowska unveils the unknown facts about the Pope’s involvement in the cult of the Divine Mercy. She uncovers the correspondence with the Vatican when Wojtyła was still Archbishop of Krakow. She also presents the notion of Divine Mercy in the teaching of John Paul II.

Release date: January 2016

Rights available: World

Health, Food, Wellbeing



Aleksandra Koperda
Polish Design Now

About the book:

The best guide to Polish design.

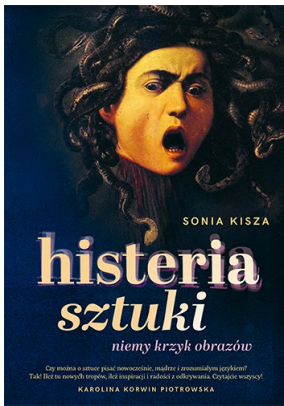
A beautifully designed and richly illustrated book, which is a guide to the world of Polish design: the best designers, cult solutions, everyday objects, all of them perfected to the very last detail.

An absolute must on the shelf of every designer.

Everything around us that wasn't created by nature, has been designed.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World



Sonia Kiszka
Hysteria of Art

About the book:

Sonia Kiszka refers to famous and less known paintings and sculptures to show them in a new, rebellious light.

She ploughs through volumes after volumes of old textbooks, through thousands of years of false beliefs, through centuries of propaganda and metres of dust. She does this to uncover the hidden meanings of the European art. To art linked to women, to the forgotten world of our female ancestors.

Hysteria of Art is a road sign, it tells us HOW TO READ PAINTINGS, it's a collection of testimonies of women, goddesses and heroines whom culture doomed to torture and then lost the meaning of their works.

Release date: January 2024

Rights available: World

Praise:

This is such an invigorating, fresh and wise book, more, it's such an amazing edition! Can one write about art in a contemporary, smart and comprehensible language? Yes! I wish somebody could talk about art in such a colourful and uncompromising way when I was a student of history of art. I wish there were books like this one. So many new traces, so much inspiration and joy of discovery. Go on, everybody, read it!

– Karolina Korwin Piotrowska



Wojciech Bonowicz
Consolation Diary

About the book:

The thing is for a man to let himself to experience joy

Wojciech Bonowicz – a respected and award-winning poet, biographer and writer, who has been nominated to the Nike Literary Award and who has won the Gdynia Literary Prize for poetry – asks the reader to ponder and look for the sources of consolation and joy.

He leads the reader through the toils of the contemporary world – the ever-present lack of time, crises and the epidemic of loneliness. With kindness and unmistakable humor he shows the reader how to find balance and completeness. His advice is to trust hope.

Release date: February 2024

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Father Piotr Pawlukiewicz
Hope Never Dies

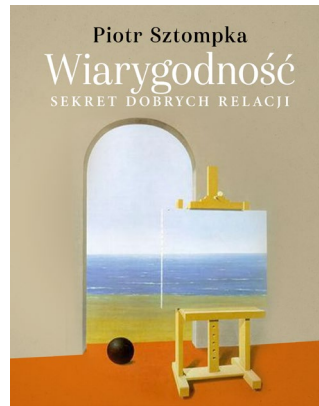
About the book:

With his words the priest broke the ice and touched hearts, also those filled with doubt. He was not scared of breaking the patterns and was able to explain theological complexities with humour, so typical for him.

In this collection of previously unpublished texts, Father Piotr shows how to find hope, teaches faith and looking for sense – always and against all odds. He also encourages the belief into the fact that placing hope in God never fails.

You think that nothing makes sense anymore? You are wondering about where to get the strength when everyday life spares you no challenge? Father Piotr will inspire you to find answers to these questions.

Release date: November 2023
Rights available: World



Piotr Sztompka
Credibility. The Secret of Good Relations

About the book:

We cannot live without relations with other people. To establish and maintain them, we need credibility.

From birth till our last days we are surrounded by people. The relations linking us with them take different shapes. They can be fleeting or long-term, formal or laid-back, fitting for the social position or job. Finally there are relations which involve emotions, so important to cultivating familial connections and friendships.

What principles rule human interactions? What to do to inspire trust? Why is fulfilling expectations and obligations so important in maintaining good relations?

Piotr Sztompka is a prominent sociologist. His book is a guide for all of us, showing us how to be credible, because *having relations with others is one of the most important human needs. And loneliness is one of the most painful deprivations.*

Release date: August 2023
Rights available: World



Joanna Kozłowska
High Sensitivity. A Guide For Those Who Feel Too Much

About the book:

You are great at reading other people's moods? You notice details which are not immediately obvious? You constantly analyse everything and the excess of stimuli quickly tires you out?

The book will tell you how to turn your high sensitivity into a strength. What can you do to live in harmony with yourself? What kind of job will be ideal for you to make the best of it? And how to form safe and satisfying relationships with other people?

Joanna Kozłowska, the author of the blog *Girl, Be Active!*, will show you how to turn theory into practice in an easy way. As a highly sensitive person herself, she had tested the methods described in the book.

Release date: May 2022
 Rights available: World

Blurb:

A handful of practical bits of information beautifully intertwined with the description of personal experiences of a particularly sensitive author. I recommend this book to all of those who feel a lot, and also to their nearest and dearest.

– Katarzyna Kucewicz, the author of *Women Who Feel Too Much*



Joanna Flis
Co-Addicted. How to Take Care of Yourself and Build Healthy Relations with Addicted People

A wise book by the expert
 in co-addiction

About the book:

Nearest and dearest ones of the addicts, when they decide to start a therapy, are driven mainly by despair, anger and fear. Usually people look for help, advice and support when confronted with an illness they can't control. And the only thing they can do is to put a fight for themselves.

The author will tell you about exercises used during therapy sessions. It will give you access to some professional though user-friendly information, as well as specific advice which you will be able to implement yourself to finally start living your life the way you want to.

Joanna Flis is an expert in addiction psychotherapy. She provides a safe space where you can, first and foremost, take care of yourself, as well as of all the aspects of your relationship with an addicted person.

Release date: March 2022
 Rights available: World



A short guide for those who feel fear and uncertainty from the best-selling philosopher

Tomasz Stawiszyński
Rules For the Times of Chaos

About the book:

How to find balance in the times when stability has become a scarce commodity? Where to look for sense when we have bad news coming in an avalanche from all directions? How to think rationally in this very emotional world? Who and what should be trusted in the midst of the global information war, when the economic crisis looms on the horizon and our planet is on fire?

Tomasz Stawiszyński is a philosopher and essay writer, author, among others, of the best-selling *Ucieczka od bezradności* (Escaping Helplessness). In his new book he reminds us that understanding is the condition of the sensible, useful activity. Drawing from philosophical writings and cultural texts, he shows how to reflect on impulses of the heart, how not to be manipulated and how to cultivate internal conflict instead of transferring it to the outside.

Release date: October 2022
Rights available: World



Qualified for the Angelus Central European Literature Award 2022

Tomasz Stawiszyński
Escaping Helplessness

About the book:

A must read for all who are not satisfied with simple answers to difficult questions.

Death, grief, sadness – discussed here, among other issues – are the themes that the society of the late capitalism looks away from. It tries to hide them, depreciate them, reduce them to a pathology requiring either pharmacological or therapeutic intervention. Instead we are offered the illusion of a community in the social media bubble, based on ideologies which increase tribal loyalty or new myths which are beginning to take a dangerous turn towards conspiracy theories.

Why are we always trying to escape helplessness? The feeling of passing away, ageing and constantly losing what we crave to keep? Will it ever be possible to stop and can we be helped by the recently fashionable transhumanism? This new monograph by Tomasz Stawiszyński – a philosopher, essayist and journalist – tries to tackle those questions in a brilliant way, by placing them in the context built by important texts in contemporary humanities and popular culture.

Release date: September 2021
Rights available: World



Agnieszka Jucewicz
Sometimes I Feel Stronger. Conversations About Coming Out of a Mental Crisis

About the book:

12 conversations about mental crisis which provide knowledge and bring hope.

Male and female protagonists of this book talk openly about how much the diagnosis changed their lives. How – sometimes against all odds – they live, work and build relationships. And what challenges and ideas about their conditions they need to face.

Thanks to this book every person dealing with a mental issue will feel they are not alone. A sick person scared of a stigma will find internal courage needed to start a treatment. Nearest and dearest of the ones in mental crises will learn how to support those struggling with depression, addiction, panic attacks, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, eating disorders or bipolar affective disorder. And those for whom the topic of mental health has so far been alien, will be able to confront their own fears and prejudices.

Release date: October 2022

Rights available: World

Blurb:

Agnieszka Jucewicz has a gift of talking about difficult things. She is present, but not intrusive, fond, but devoid of sentimentality. She has a rare skill of making another human being see a point in sharing their personal story. Let's read this book with gratitude to its author and her interlocutors for showing us the world free of easy comforts, but still filled with hope.

– Zofia Miłska-Wrzosińska, the founder of the Psychoeducation Laboratory

About the Author:

Agnieszka Jucewicz is a journalist, author and co-author of books on psychology, e.g. *Kochaj wystarczająco dobrze* (Love Well Enough; with Grzegorz Sroczyński), *Czując. Rozmowy o emocjach* (To Feel. Talking about Emotions) and *Dom w butelce. Rozmowy z dorosłymi dziećmi alkoholików* (A Home in a Bottle. Conversations with Grown-Up Children of Alcoholics; with Magdalena Kicińska). She had a first-hand experience of a mental crisis. Her dream is for mental disorder prevention to become a part of the school curriculum.



Marianna Dushar, Ihor Lylo
Lviv Cuisine. My Culinary Journey Across Galicia

About the book:

The aromas of Lviv cuisine

More than a hundred recipes complemented with anecdotes about the old and contemporary Lviv.

Marianna Dushar – a true-born Lvivian and expert in local culinary traditions – takes us on a journey around Galicia, where flavours of Polish and Ukrainian cuisines mix, with an added piquancy of Jewish influences, as well as Austrian, Hucul and even Italian, Greek and Middle-Eastern.

Extraordinary recipes included in this book will transport you to Lviv, the city where tradition meets modernity. You will find out what violet preserve, pickled lemons and Old-Lviv salad taste like. You will sample Hucul varya and find out that the Armenian “chin burner” soup really is so delicious one can't wait for it to cool down!

Release date: September 2023

Rights sold: Ukraine (Old Lion Publishing House)



Tomasz Strzelczyk
Share the Apron. A Man in the Kitchen

About the book:

Best-selling cookbook (not just for men)

The author is one of Poland's best-known chefs. He follows one rule in his kitchen: everything is supposed to be simple. His recipes are put together in such a way that they are easy to understand for those who are only starting their culinary adventure. Clearly this is a recipe for success, since the book already had two following volumes with new recipes and sold in more than 30 thousand copies.

Release date: November 2021

Rights available: World



Przemysław Klima
Fun Dining. Simple and Brilliant

About the book:

Przemysław Klima, the first and only chef of a two Michelin stars restaurant in Poland, talks about what he does in the kitchen.

Fun dining is just fun. Fun of combining ingredients and creating completely new flavours. Fun of experimenting. It's also the satisfaction that comes with cooking and receiving guests.

Fun dining means simple and brilliant cuisine. It means dishes which you can easily make at home, but which are still – thanks to the unusual combination of ingredients – quite special. These are non-obvious additions, like intensely green dill oil, vegetable jus or yeast butter. It means small tricks which can turn food into an unforgettable experience.

Release date: March 2024

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Przemysław Klima is a chef at Bottiglieria 1881, the only Polish restaurant with two Michelin stars (the first one was assigned in 2020). He has worked as a chef for 23 years now. 2024 will also see the 10th anniversary of B1881.

Books for Children



A new novel in the best-selling series *The Magic Tree*

Andrzej Maleszka
The Magic Tree. The Missing Pair

About the book:

Kuki, Gabi and Blubek want to save their school which is supposed to get demolished.

They find a magical object. But to tap into its power, they need to find a missing part. They fight against the enormous Hunter and swindlers selling disappearing toys. They escape to a strange island and build an incredible ship. But when a spell turns them into stones, they can only be saved by a talking dog...

The Magic Tree stories have become the basis of the internationally popular TV series, awarded with the Emmy – a TV equivalent of the Oscar – for imagination, wisdom and humour.

Release date: October 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Andrzej Maleszka is a film director, as well as an author of novels and scripts. He won numerous awards at international festivals. His films and novels are full of marvelous adventures, but they also talk about important issues.



Andrzej Maleszka
The Magic Tree. A Genius

About the book:

Blubek is the worst student at school. A magical object turns him into a genius.

The boy creates amazing inventions. He is kidnapped by a secret organisation which tells him to design a dangerous weapon. Kuki, Gabi and Budyń set off to their friend's rescue. They battle against the kidnappers, huge insects and the traps of an ice fortress. They score magical elixirs which provide an incredible power, but can also be dangerous.

Release date: October 2022

Rights available: World



Andrzej Maleszka
The Magic Tree. T-Rex's Feather

About the book:

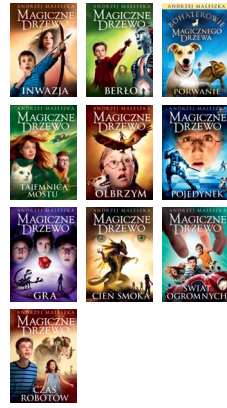
In the 11th volume of the best-selling series, the protagonists are transported into the world of dinosaurs.

This is the only place where they can get medicine which will heal their sick friend. They fight against predatory reptiles and a ginormous crocodile. Their vehicle gets destroyed and the children must find their way back to their times on their own. They are chased by a huge T-Rex. A magical object turns the tyrannosaurus into an even more menacing creature...

The Magic Tree stories have become the basis of the internationally popular TV series, awarded with the Emmy – a TV equivalent of the Oscar – for imagination, wisdom and humour. In Poland alone the books from the series sold in over one million copies and are very treasured by new generations of young readers.

Release date: November 2019

Rights available: World



Andrzej Maleszka
The Magic Tree

About the series:

1,000,000 copies sold! Poland's No 1 Bestselling Children's Books

One day a bolt of lightning struck a huge, old oak tree during a terrible storm.

It wasn't an ordinary oak tree. It was a magic tree. It possessed an immense, miraculous power, but nobody was aware of it yet.

The tree was taken to a sawmill and cut into boards. Hundreds of different objects were made from the wood, and a small amount of the tree's magic power remained in each object. There was a force unlike any the world had ever known in these ordinary things. They were sent to shops, and from that day onwards, amazing things began happening all over the world.

Each book in *The Magic Tree* series describes events caused by the extraordinary objects: chess pieces that make good or bad wishes come true, dice that bring good or bad luck, a wooden figurine that transforms into a child who possesses a supernatural power, and a bed that makes dreams come true.

The key to the great success of *The Magic Tree* is the way the books combine fantasy with realistic descriptions of children's lives. The action involves a cavalcade of unusual, magical events within a realistic world that is familiar to today's children. The characters are children aged from seven to fourteen. Each book in the series features the same main characters but can be read as a separate story.

The Magic Tree has become a social phenomenon in Poland and has thousands of fans. So far, Andrzej Maleszka has written ten novels in the series.

The Magic Tree books are now the most popular children's novels in Poland.

Rights sold: France (Bayard), Japan (Kodansha), South Korea (All 5 Volumes), China, Serbia (Propolis Books), Ukraine (Urbino), Slovenia, Lithuania, Israel (Locus), Belarus (Januškevič)



The Empik 2021 Bestseller
in the Polish Children's
Literature category!

Andrzej Maleszka
The Magic Tree Heroes. A Monster

About the book:

Julka is in danger. Her reckless wish brings to the world a monster of incredible power. It removes her human voice and changes her looks. And that is only the beginning of the trouble. Kajetan and Budyń get on a mission to save their friend.

The Magic Tree Heroes is a new series of books, created in parallel to the best-selling series *The Magic Tree*. Each volume is devoted to some unknown adventures of one of the characters from *The Magic Tree*. The protagonist of this particular volume is Julka, but we also meet Kajetan, Budyń and other characters. Each novel can be read on its own, the reader doesn't need to know other parts.

Release date: February 2021

Rights available: World



Andrzej Maleszka
Heroes of the Magic Tree. The Kidnapping

About the book:

The Earth has been invaded by huge people from the world of giants.

At first, only one giant appears, then a whole army of them. Idalia conjures up an anti-alarm clock that puts everybody who hears its sound to sleep. But the device is turned on too early and instead of the giants, all the inhabitants of the town fall asleep. The three children are alone in the sleeping town and must fight the giants. The only way they can win the battle is to find a wooden bow and arrows that possess unusual power. But first of all, they have to become friends with a giant boy and his enormous dog.

Release date: May 2016

Rights available: World



Michał Rusinek, Joanna Rusinek
Family Rhymes

About the book:

Funny, wise and beautifully illustrated poems for Children.

“I’ve decided to become a child for a few weeks and write rhymes based loosely on the life stories of the members of my family... Or rather our family, as it is also the family of my sister who illustrated the book. I think our ancestors were quite average. But I am also convinced that even this pretty average family can be shown from an unusual angle – after all there is something weird in all of us, every one of us had some adventures, each can be a protagonist of some anecdote.

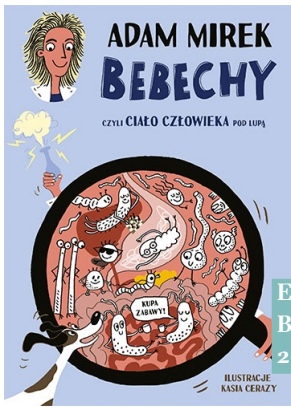
And if not, what is the imagination for?”

Release date: October 2021

Rights sold: Italy (MiMeBu)

About the Author:

Michał Rusinek worked as Wisława Szymborska’s secretary during her lifetime, and now runs the Wisława Szymborska Foundation. He is a literary critic and teaches literary theory and rhetoric at the Jagiellonian University’s Faculty of Polish. He occasionally translates from English. He writes columns about books and language, and is often featured in the press and on TV programmes. He lives in Kraków with his family. He is one of the most popular and well-liked authors of books, songs and rhymes for children.



Empik's
Bestseller Award
2023

Adam Mirek
Guts, or Human Body Under a Microscope

About the book:

Discover gutted secrets of the human body!

A body is a mysterious machine. Something ticks in it, something roars, something stings. Sometimes it doesn't do what you tell it to do (do you know the feeling?). It smells funny. It has hair in some places and is completely bald in others. In one word, it has many secrets. This book will tell you:

- why sometimes your breath smells like the breath of a zombie,
- when your brain is like a rollercoaster,
- how come even the most yummy ice-cream turns into the... you know what,
- why studying is so exhausting, while watching TV not at all.

Guts is a fascinating book about body and its secrets, and about the science behind it. All children (and their parents) will love it.

Release date: September 2023

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Adam Mirek is a slightly mad and super-clever scientist. Young people love him for the way he talks about science on social media. The grown-ups appreciate the fact that he earned doctorates from two universities.



The Wise Book Of The Year
2022 according to Jagiellonian
University

Łucja Malec-Kornajew
The Golden Train and the Biggest Mysteries of Art History in Poland

About the book:

Meet Fishka, the most famous art detective in Poland.

- What happened to the train filled with gold, which entered a tunnel and disappeared without a trace?
- How did the scholars discover the remains of palace of a king of Poland at the bottom of the Vistula River, sunken centuries ago?
- How come the German governor Hans Frank hang the priceless painting, Lady with an Ermine, in his room right above a radiator?
- Why are there so many treasures in Środa Śląska that people constantly find pots of gold when they dig the ground?

Release date: August 2022

Rights available: World

About the Author:

Lucja Malec-Kornajew is the founder of the first Children's Detective Agency in Poland, an art historian and a guide. She was the recipient of the Kraków UNESCO City of Literature Prize. She likes cats and rusty bolts.

The daring investigation of the detective Fishka was followed and illustrated by Aleksandra Gołbiewska, an illustrator and graphic designer, shortlisted for the award at the China Shanghai International Children's Book Fair 2018 for her illustrations to the book *Kot na medal* (A Cat Deserving a Medal). She was also shortlisted to the Polish Book Publishers' Association's "Most Beautiful Book of the Year" award in 2018.



Leszek Kołakowski, Paweł Pawlak
**13 Tales from the Kingdom of Lailonia
 for the Big and Little**

About the book:

“We’re very old now. To be sure, we will never find out where Lailonia lies, and we will never get to see it. But perhaps one of you will be luckier; perhaps one day one of you will manage to find Lailonia. When you go there, please present the Queen of Lailonia with a nasturtium flower on our behalf and tell her how much we had wanted to get there, and how we didn’t make it.”

Strange, surprising, and written with an exquisite sense of humour, these fairy tales are indeed “for the big and little”. They can be read at many levels; children will find their Neverland here, and adults – their Lailonia.

The text is beautifully illustrated by the brilliant graphic artist Paweł Pawlak, who also took care of the typographic layout of the book.

Release date: 2015

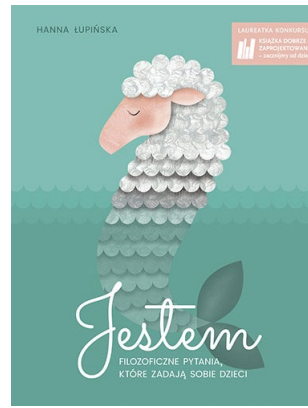
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About the Author:

Leszek Kołakowski (1927–2009) was a philosopher, professor of the University of Warsaw, and Senior Research Fellow at All Souls College, University of Oxford, from 1970 onwards; he was the recipient of many international awards, including the Library of Congress John W. Kluge Prize. He is considered one of the greatest thinkers of the 20th century.

Paweł Pawlak (born 1962) graduated (with distinction) from the Faculty of Painting, Graphics and Sculpture at the Wrocław Academy of Art and Design. He has illustrated more than seventy books, and has collaborated with publishers in Poland, France, the UK, Germany, Korea and Canada. He has presented his works at more than a dozen individual exhibitions in Poland and abroad. He has won many prizes and distinctions in competitions for children’s books.



Hanna Łupińska
**I Am. Philosophical Questions Asked
 by Children**

About the book:

Beautifully illustrated book for philosophising children and their parents.

Children are rightly considered the biggest philosophers in the world. They ask questions which keep the greatest thinkers awake at night. They are able to see more, feel better and be deeper. They learn about the world through asking questions and having doubts.

Searching for answers is a journey into the world of imagination. And it is the most important journey ever – because it is the imagination that develops independent, creative thinking. It teaches how to solve problems and how to resist manipulation. It is open to diversity.

Your child will create this book with you. Together you will go to the realm of questions which don’t have just one answer. Questions so unpredictable and difficult that only children and philosophers could ask them.

Release date: April 2021

Rights available: World

English translation available

About the Author:

Hanna Łupińska is an illustrator, a graphic designer and a mum of young Jadzia who asks a lot of difficult questions. The design, which formed the basis for this book, won the first prize in a competition ‘Well-Designed Book – Let’s Start with Children’.



Marta Kijowska, Anna Łazowska
Hela the Seal: Stories on the Waves

About the book:

Marine animals are in danger! How can we help them?

Hela, a young seal, gets to know the underwater world and discovers how many dangers, caused by humans, lie in wait for her and her friends. She tries to find a way for animals and people to live together in harmony and safety.

This beautifully illustrated book combines an exciting story with expert knowledge of the natural environment, water pollution and illegal seal hunting. It's an excellent choice for children interested in nature who want to enrich their knowledge and sensitivity in a wise, straightforward and attractive way.

Release date: June 2019

Rights available: World



Renata Kijowska, Anna Łazowska
Jack the Bear: Stories from the Bear's Lair

About the book:

Although his mummy warned him that humans can be dangerous, the little bear Jack can't contain his curiosity.

Together with his brother Benny, he's horsing around the forest, searching for adventures and... sweet snacks. They are joined by a crazy squirrel called Squi and their new fox friend, Trotty. The animals are ready to go as far as breaking into a car to lay their paws on chocolate bars and forgotten apple cores. What's going to happen when they bump into people? What are they in for with all their shenanigans?

My little boys soon got bored with all books that we were reading together. They wanted something more; they wanted stories with a bite! They kept asking me about my job, all the more eagerly that at the time I was working on a feature programme about the life of bears. And since their questions wouldn't end, I had to check every detail: I talked to bear experts and rangers from the Tatra National Park; I visited bear watchers and caretakers who know everything about these animals. They shared their stories with burning cheeks; I, too, shuddered with emotion when I first looked a little bear baby girl in the eyes. And so I based the adventures of my protagonists on real events – funny, touching, but sometimes also tragic. I hope you become friends with the bears, just as I did!
– Renata Kijowska

Release date: March 2018

Rights available: World

About the Authors:

Renata Kijowska is a TV reporter for TVN and TVN24, and a recipient of the regional Małopolska Journalists Award. She has also worked for *Radio Plus* and *Tygodnik Powszechny*. She has two sons named Tytus and Bruno, and is the foster mom of a little mix-breed called Odi.

Anna Łazowska is an illustrator and graphic designer.



Piotr Kasiński, Robert Trojanowski
Make a Comic. Become a Superhero

About the book:

A comic book was never as interesting as it is now!

Best-selling authors return with a new book which teaches, entertains, but, first and foremost, introduces the reader to the amazing world of the comic book. For all kids who love illustrated stories and would like to feel like real superheros for a bit and then create their own book.

Release date: March 2020

Rights available: World

About the Authors:

Piotr Kasiński - a comic book writer, journalist, editor and publisher. He has published numerous books, he is involved in Polish and international comic book projects, events and festivals.

Robert Trojanowski - satirist, cartoonist, author of a radio play for the Polish Radio Theatre. Author of popular activity books, such as *Książka pod tytułem* (Book Entitled) or *Zrób sobie komiks* (DIY Comic Strip). He often runs workshops with children aged 6-12. He lives in Kraków.



Małgorzata Ceremuga
Montessori for Everyone

About the book:

A book that will give your child a lot of joy!

Montessori for Everyone is a selection of exercises for children aged 3-7 (younger children can do the activities with their parents, and older children can do them on their own).

In the book you will find:

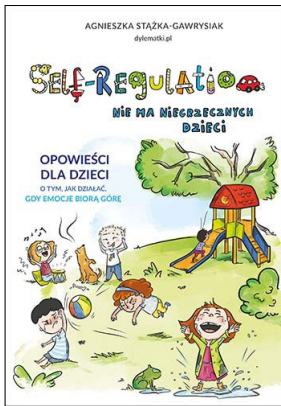
- activities involving observation of the world of nature,
- exercises that positively contribute to a child's overall development: eye-hand coordination, concentration, problem-solving, empathy and group cooperation,
- tips for parents and the basic concepts of Montessori pedagogy.

Release date: August 2018

Rights sold: Albatros Media (Czech Republic)

About the Author:

Małgorzata Ceremuga studied pedagogy and training in the Montessori method at the Polish Montessori Institute. She leads a Montessori class and creates spaces for children that stimulate their development.



Agnieszka Stażka-Gawrysiak
Self-Regulation. Stories for Children on How to Behave When Emotions Take Over. A Bestselling Guide

About the book:

How to help children understand difficult emotions?

Even though we rarely think about it, children often experience stress. New situations, the pressure of time, accumulation of stimuli – they all mean that it is difficult to deal with tension. On everyday basis we forget that plain discipline teaches children self-control, hiding their emotions and stifling their needs. The method of Self-Regulation, devised by Professor Stuart Shanker, helps to take control over excessive stress and get rid of the source of the bad feeling, as opposed to stifling the behaviour which stemmed from it. This way you can provide your child with a wise support.

For reading and discussing with parents.

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