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Vladislav Otroshenko



Vladislav Otroshenko is a novelist, essayist and general pillar of Russian culture. He was born in 1959 in Novocherkassk, and his family heritage stems from the Don Cossacks. He graduated in Journalism at Moscow State University, and worked as a radio correspondent and educator. His first piece of prose work came out in 1987. Otroshenko is a mystifier, a master of expression and the grotesque, and a true wordsmith; he is well-known abroad, particularly in France and Italy: he has given lectures at universities in both countries, as well as a great number of French and Italian translations of his work being published.

In 2004, he was awarded the prestigious Italian literary prize Grinzane Cavour, and his collection *Gogoliana and Other Stories* took first prize at the Fifth International Berlin Book of the Year Award for 2014. His novel *Sukhovo-Kobylin* (2014), a piece of archival research about the fate and legal trial of one of Russian dramaturgy's greatest figures, became a popular bestseller. Otroshenko has been a winner and finalist of a great number of literary prizes, both at home and abroad. These include the Yasnaya Polyana, the Belkin Prize, the Gorky Literary Prize, the Andrei Bely Prize, and Chekhov's Gift. The writer's works have been translated into English, French, Italian, German, Chinese, Hungarian, Slovenian, Lithuanian, Finnish, Serbian, Slovakian, Armenian, and Estonian.

