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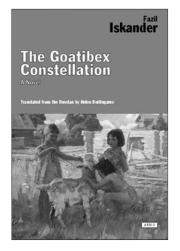


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A Novel Fazil Iskander



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"Iskander's flights of fancy and seemingly inexhaustible ability to weave fantastic tales have led to frequent comparisons between his work and that of Gabriel Garcia Marquez."

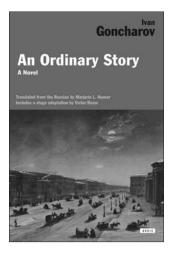
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"Iskander takes a worthy place in the tradition of Russian satirists, the Gogol of *Dead Souls*, the Nabokov of *Lolita*." —Los Angeles Times

FAZIL ISKANDER was born in 1929, in Sukhumi, in the Soviet Union. He is the author of many stories, novels, and novellas, including Sandro of Chegem and Rabbits and Boa Constrictors, the latter also published by Ardis. He lives in Moscow. Pushkin's Lyric Poetry (2011).

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IVAN GONCHAROV (1812-1891) was one of the most important writers of the nineteenth century. He spent most of his life as a civil servant, eventually becoming a censor. In addition to An Ordinary Story and Oblomov, he published The Precipice, a novel, and The Frigate Pallada, an account of his travels on an 1853 international expedition.

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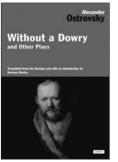
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An innovative classicist in an era taken in by relentless experimentation, Khodasevich was hailed by many of his peers in the Soviet Union and Berlin, including Vladimir Nabokov, who wrote that Khodasevich would "remain the pride of Russian poetry as long as its last memory lives." Brilliantly translated by Peter Daniels, and with a richly informed introduction by Michael Wachtel, *Selected Poems* is a stunning confirmation of that assessment.

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VLADISLAV KHODASEVICH was the author of many verse collections including, Youth, Happy Little House, The Way of the Seed (1920) and The Heavy Lyre. He died in 1939.

WITHOUT A DOWRY and Other Plays

Alexander Ostrovsky

Translated from the Russian and with an Introduction by Norman Henly

One of the most important Russian playwrights of the nineteenth century, Alexander Ostrovsky (1823-1886) is credited with bringing realism to the Russian stage. This volume collects four of Ostrovsky's key plays, each from a different decade—*A Profitable Position, An Ardent gtttttttf Without a Dowry*, and *Talents and Admirers*, and is rounded out by the translator's introduction, an afterword for each play, an extensive bibliography, and a complete list of Ostrovsky's works.

PRAISE FOR Alexander Ostrovsky

PRAISE FOR Vladislav Khodasevich

"We have our own Russian national theatre. By rights it should be called The Theatre of Ostrovsky." —Ivan Goncharov

NORMAN HENLEY (1916-2012) received his PhD from Harvard University in Slavic studies and taught at Johns Hopkins for many years. His other translations include *The Russian Prose Reader* and Pushkin's *Tales of the Late Ivan Petrovich Belkin*.

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PRAISE FOR An Evening with Claire

"Jodi Daynard's rendering of the tender, nostalgic but unsentimental prose seems flawless." —The New York Times Book Review

GAITO GAZDANOV was born in St. Petersburg in 1903. He joined the White army at age sixteen and was exiled in Paris.

RABBITS AND BOA CONSTRICTORS A Novel

Fazil Iskander

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Praised by *The New York Times Book Review* as "an Abkhazian Mark Twain," Fazil Iskander was one of the most acclaimed writers in the Soviet Union—and also one of the funniest. *In Rabbits and Boa Constrictors*, Iskander tells the story of a struggle between ... well, rabbits and boa constrictors, which is really a struggle between the manipulators and the manipulated as they try to function in a failed utopia. (Sound familiar?)

FAZIL ISKANDER was born in 1929, in Sukhumi, in the Soviet Union. He is the author of many stories, novels, and novellas, including *The Goatibex Constellation* and *Sandro of Chegem*. In 2010 he was awarded the Russian Order of Merit for the Fatherland. He lives in Moscow.

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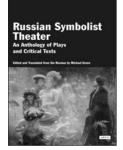
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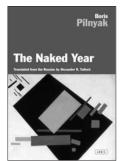
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ELENA KOCHINA was born in 1907 in St. Petersburg (later Leningrad).

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MUIREANN MAGUIRE is a Fellow in Russian Literature and Culture at Wadham College, Oxford. She is the author of *Stalin's Ghosts*, a collection of supernatural stories written in the early decades of Soviet Russia.

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MICHAEL GREEN is Professor Emeritus of Russian literature at the University of California, Irvine. His translations include *Mahogany* by Boris Pilnyak and *Selected Prose and Poetry* by Mikhail Kuzmin, both available from Ardis.

THE NAKED YEAR Boris Pilnyak

Translated from the Russian and with an afterword by Alexander R. Tulloch

Boris Pilnyak, an important stylistic force in twentieth-century Russian literature, never shied from controversy. It was his novel *The Naked Year*, a flinchingly honest portrayal of life in post-Revolutionary Russia, that catapulted Pilnyak into notoriety. So lyrical and surreal that it has been called the "anti-novel," *The Naked Year* captures the emotional heart of a land trapped in the horrific gap year between frenzied Revolution and rigid Soviet control.

BORIS PILNYAK is the author of *Mahogany* (also published by Ardis) and *The Volga Falls* to the Caspian Sea. In 1937 he was arrested on charges of counter-revolutionary activities, spying, and terrorism. He was tried on April 21, 1938 (in a proceeding that lasted 15 minutes) and condemned to death.



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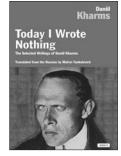


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HELENA GOSCILO is Professor and Chair of the Department of Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures at Ohio State University. BYRON LINDSEY is Professor Emeritus of Russian at the University of New Mexico.

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Nikolai Gogol is one of the geniuses of Russian prose and perhaps Russia's greatest comic writer. This compilation of his uncollected writings (the majority appearing in English for the first time) spans the years from his debut in 1829 to 1842, the year of his masterpiece, *Dead Souls*. Included are his first book, the verse idyll *Hanz Kuechelgarten*; his important play *Leaving the Theater*; and his polemical essay "On the Trend of Journal Literature."

RONALD MEYER teaches the seminar on Russian literary translation at Columbia University. He is also the translator of *My Half Century*, by Anna Akhmatova, published by Ardis.

TODAY I WROTE NOTHING Daniil Kharms The Selected Writing of Daniil Kharms

Translated from the Russian by Matvei Yankelevich

Daniil Kharms was one of the most iconoclastic writers to emerge from the hotbed of the early Soviet avant grade but has only recently been recognized internationally. His uniquely deadpan style developed out of—and in spite of—the absurdities of life in Stalinist Russia. *Today I Wrote Nothing* is a comprehensive collection of the prose and poetry that secured Kharms's cult reputation as a master of formal invention and of what today would be called "micro-fiction."

PRAISE FOR Today I Wrote Nothing

"Kharms's work is exhilarating...We're reminded that narrative is not life, but a trick a writer does with language, to make beauty." —George Saunders, The New York Times Book Review

DANIIL KHARMS (1905-1942) grew up amidst the Bolshevik revolution. An eccentric poet and performer of the early Soviet literary scene, he founded the OBERIU movement. He died of starvation in state custody after being arrested on suspicion of anti-Soviet activities.

THEATRE AS LIFE Nikolai Evreinov Five Modern Plays

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NIKOLAI EVREINOV (1879-1953) was a Russian playwright, director, and producer associated with the Russian Symbolists.

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J. A. E. CURTIS is a lecturer in Russian Literature at Oxford, with a focus on the works of Mikhail Bulgakov and Evgeny Zamyatin as well as Russian drama. She is the author of Bulgakov's Last Decade: The Writer as Hero.

MY HALF CENTURY Anna Akhmatova

Selected Prose

Edited and Translated by Ronald Meyer

"Voice of her generation and prophet of Russia's misery" (*Publishers Weekly*), Anna Akhmatova lived in a world suffused with tragedy. However, throughout her life she remained committed to being a witness for the times with her daring poetry and prose. This collection includes Akhmatova's personal letters, essays on Pushkin, diatribes against the Stalinist establishment, rousing wartime broadcasts, and encounters with fellow poets.

ANNA AKHMATOVA (1889-1966) is known as one of twentieth-century Russia's greatest poets. She suffered repression under Stalinism and after World War II; her literary achievement was finally internationally recognized in the final years of her life.

RONALD MEYER teaches the seminar on Russian literary translation at Columbia University. His most recent translation is Fyodor Dostoevsky's The Gambler and Other Stories.

RUSSIAN ROMANTIC PROSE

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While Gogol and Pushkin are the best known of the Russian Romantics now, in the 1830s their popularity was equaled and sometimes surpassed by the likes of Marlinsky and Veltman, both of whom are included in this well-rounded collection. *Russian Romantic Prose* also features Alexander Pushkin's "The Shot," Nikolai Gogol's "Viy," and the first English translations of works by Somoy, Lermontoy, and Vladimir Sollogub.

CARL R. PROFFER was a renowned scholar of Russian literature, co-founder of Ardis Publishers, and co-editor of Russian Literature Triquarterly. Among his books and translations are studies of Gogol, the Letters of Nikolai Gogol, and The Critical Prose of Alexander Pushkin.

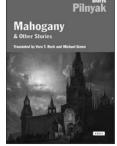
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This gripping memoir portrays the Stalinist terror of 1937 through the eyes of journalist Lev Razgon, who endured two incarcerations in the Gulag and wrote this account upon his release seventeen years later. His anecdotes reveal a previously unseen side of the imprisoned Soviet elite, their daily lives in the labor camps, and the true characters of their jailers. Razgon so vividly shares these horrific memories due to a "terrible sense that I had survived when so many others had died . . . Ultimately I knew I had just one obligation—the obligation of the living to the dead."

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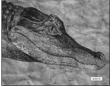
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This collection serves as a valuable introduction to the author's greatest stories. The acclaimed translation by Vera T. Reck and Michael Green makes Pilnyak's prose accessible to contemporary audiences while maintaining his evocative voice.

BORIS PILNYAK (1894-1938) is the author of *Mahogany, The Naked Year* (also published by Ardis), and *The Volga Falls to the Caspian Sea*, all works concerning revolutionary and postrevolutionary Russia.

SELECTED PROSE & POETRY Mikhail Kuzman

Edited and translated by Michael Green

ew writers faced greater notoriety during the Soviet period than Mikhail Kuzmin, known as the "Russian Oscar Wilde." His progressive debut, *Wings*, the first novel with homosexual themes to be published in Russia, created a scandal when released in 1906; resulting repression meant his works were not reprinted for over forty years.

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MIKHAIL KUZMIN (1872-1936) was a Russian poet, musician, and novelist, and a prominent contributor to the Silver Age of Russian poetry.

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FYODOR DOSTOEVSKY (1821-1881) was a renowned fiction writer, essayist and philosopher. Following the success of his debut novel Poor Folk in 1846, he was arrested and sentenced to death (later commuted to exile) in 1849 for participating in the Petrashevsky Circle. Among his most important works are Notes from Underground, Crime and Punishment, The Idiot, The Possessed, and The Brothers Karamazov.

THE GOLOVLYOV FAMILY M. E. Saltykov

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Recognized as a classic since its first publication in Russia in 1880, *The Golovlyov Family* recounts the history of a family of landowners through three generations. Arina Petrovna, matriarch of the estate, maintains strict control of her world—until the balance of power is upset by her scheming, hypocritical son, whose nickname is "little Judas."

What follows is a disquieting story of isolation and disintegration, in a masterful translation, "to be preferred at all costs" (Encyclopedia of Literary Translation into English).

M. E. SALTYKOV (1826-1889) was a major Russian satirist of the nineteenth century. He wrote mostly satirical journalism, though his only novel, *The Golovlyov Family*, is considered his masterpiece and was proclaimed by D. S. Mirsky to be the gloomiest book in all of Russian literature.

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HELENA GOSCILO is Professor and Chair of the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University. Her recent publications include Reflections and Refraction: The Mirror in Russian Culture and Putin as Celebrity and Cultural Icon.

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MIKHAIL BULGAKOV (1891-1940) burst onto the world literary scene in the 1960s with the posthumous publication of *The Master* and Margarita, and his work has continued to enjoy tremendous literary success throughout the world.

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FYODOR SOLOGUB (1863-1927) began his literary career in 1896 with a volume of verse, a collection of tales, and a novel, *Bad Dreams* Sologub remained in the Soviet Union after the Revolution but, opposed to the Bolsheviks, ultimately lapsed into silence.

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