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Slawomir Mrozek & Chaval (III.)
Life for the Advanced

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In autumn 2004, Sławomir Mrożek received an award in Poland for his services toward ›improving the human condition‹. This made Mrożek pensive: »Although it is true that I do everything for humanity that I can, this somehow appears to leave no impression on human beings themselves, who continue to do as they please.« Nevertheless, after the success of ›Life for Beginners‹, Mrożek has now presented humankind with the gift of a second instruction manual for solving the great problems and answering the questions of existence. In ›Life for the Advanced‹, Mrożek once again tackles the absurdities of life with humour and in refined style. Just like its predecessor, ›Life for the Advanced‹ is the perfect gift for dilettantes of life who do not wish to miss out on the help and advice of one such as Sławomir Mrożek – and for those who treasure a hugely entertaining read in a small format.

Book factsheet

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Movie adaptations

1978: Amor
Director: Jerzy Lipman
Cast: Andy Pap, Martin Lüttge, Ingeborg Lapsien, Dieter Prochnow

1966: The Enchanted Night
Director: George R. Foa
Cast: Bernard Finch, Dudley Foster, Margaret Nolan, Richard Pearson

1966: En förtrollad natt
Director: Yngve Nordwall
Cast: John Harryson, Nils Nygren, Kerstin Tidelius

1964: Das Martyrium des Peter O'Hey
Director: Peter Lilenthal
Cast: Angelika Hurwicz, Joachim Wichmann

1963: Strip tease
Director: Peter Lilenthal
Cast: Max Haufler, Joachim Wichmann

Awards

- 2012 Ehrendoktor der polnischen Universität Śląski
- 2006 Deutsch-Polnischer Literaturpreis ›Samuel-Bogumił-Linde-Preis‹ für sein Gesamtwerk
- 2000 Am siebten Internationalen Budapest Buchfestival erhält Mrożek den Budapest Grand Prix
- 1994 Erster Preis für ›Liebe auf der Krim‹ (Milosc na Krymie) beim Wettbewerb um das beste Theaterstück in Paris
- 1993 Hitar-Petar-Preis des Hauses für Satire und Humor in Gabrowo, Bulgarien
- 1987 Franz-Kafka-Literaturpreis, Klosterneuburg, Österreich
- 1984 Jahrespreis des ›Polnischen Schriftstellerverbandes in der Fremde‹, London
- 1972 Österreichischer Staatspreis für Europäische Literatur
- 1964 Prix de l'Humour Noir für ›Der Elefant‹ (Slon)
- 1954 ›Julian-Brun-Preis‹ für journalistische Arbeiten

Praise

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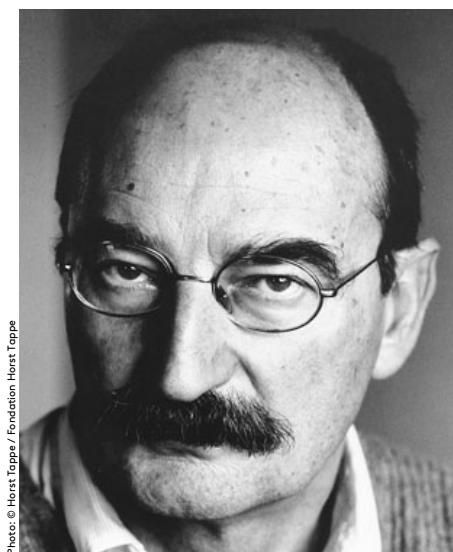


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»Mrożek's thoughts are so extraordinary as to be accessible to everyone.« – Die Welt, Berlin

»In his best narratives, Mrożek reminds one of Kafka.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

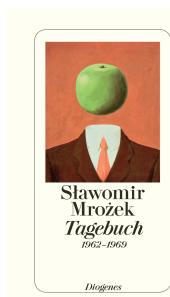
Sławomir Mrożek

»Mrożek's literature is addictive.« – El País, Barcelona

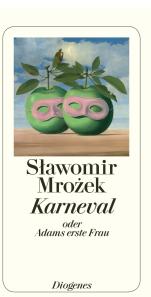
»The author, known primarily as a playwright, reveals himself as a writer of incisive prose who captures the absurdity of reality and its interaction with unreality in polished, witty formulations.« – Neue Zürcher Zeitung

»Brilliant [...] the writer is an Aesop for our times.« – Publishers' Weekly, New York

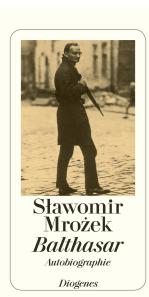
Sławomir Mrożek was born in Borzecin, Poland, in 1930. He was first known as a caricaturist and author of satirical short stories. His plays (*Tango*, *The Emigrants*, *Striptease*, and many others) made him world famous. In 1968 he went into exile. After living many years in Paris and later in Mexico, he returned to Poland in 1996 and spent the final years of his life in southern France. He died on August 15, 2013 in Nice.



Journal 1962 - 1969
544 pages
2014



Carnival or The First Wife
of Adam
80 pages
2014



Balthasar
384 pages
2007



Life for Beginners
192 pages
2004



All Sinners and A Lovely
View
208 pages
2002



Lolo
304 pages
2000



The Doppelgänger
272 pages
2000



My Unknown Friend
192 pages
1999



Sławomir
Mrożek
Amor
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Amor
544 pages
1998

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Mrożek
Emigranten
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Emigrants
400 pages
1997



Sławomir
Mrożek
Der Perverse
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Geschichten

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The Pervert
272 pages
1995



Sławomir
Mrożek
Watzlaff
und andere Stücke

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Vatzlav
272 pages
1994

Movie Adaptation



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Mrożek
*Liebe auf
der Krim*
Eine tragische Komödie
in drei Akten
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Sławomir Mrożek
Auf hoher See
Striptease
Zwei Einakter
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Sławomir
Mrożek
*Die
Geheimnisse
des Jenseits*
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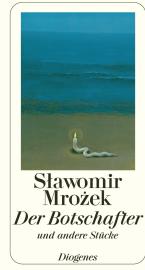
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Mrożek
Tango
Schauspiel
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Love on Crimea
208 pages
1994

Out at Sea
80 pages
1994

Secrets of the Beyond
256 pages
1993

Tango
368 pages
1993



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Mrożek
Der Botschafter
und andere Stücke
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Sławomir Mrożek
Striptease
und andere Stücke
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The Ambassador
544 pages
1993

Movie Adaptation



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Mrożek
Die Giraffe
und andere
Erzählungen
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The Giraffe
320 pages
1992