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Hugo Loetscher
The Preaching Rooster

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A stroll through literature and myths.

Animals, allegedly the brothers and sisters of humankind, are used by people not only for their physical needs - without animals, literature and painting would be very different from what we are accustomed to.

As if being an animal wasn't hard enough to begin with - human beings humanized animals. One of the consequences: they began to speak. And thanks to their humanization, the animals behaved like reasonable people, nothing humans was alien to them.

Hugo Loetscher has gathered incredible material from all the nooks and crannies of world literature and shows that almost no author known to us could have lived and written in the absence of animals. Remember Kafka and the beetle...

Book factsheet

Contemporary Literature
376 pages
11.6 x 18.4 cm
October 1992

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 **Movie adaptation**

Mittwoch
Director: Markus Silberschmidt

 **Awards**

- 2006 Erster Preis des Lyrikwettbewerbs des Festival Rilke in Sierre für *Es war einmal die Welt*
- 2004 Ehrenbürger der Gemeinde Escholzmatt (Kanton Luzern)
- 2000 Werkbeitrag des Kantons Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1999 Ehrengabe des Kantons Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1999 Ehrengabe der Stadt Zürich im Bereich Literatur
- 1996 Literaturpreis der Brasserie Lipp für *Die Fliege und die Suppe*: Auszeichnung für Hugo Loetscher sowie für die Übersetzung ins Französische von Jean-Claude Capèle
- 1994 Kreuz des Südens (Orden für Verdienste um die brasilianische Kultur)
- 1992 Großer Schiller-Preis der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung
- 1989 Ehrengabe der Stadt Zürich für *Die Fliege und die Suppe*
- 1986 Preis der Luzerner Förderungskommission
- 1985 Literaturpreis der Zürcher Kantonalbank
- 1985 Ehrengabe der Schweizerischen Schillerstiftung
- 1983 Mozart-Medaille der Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Stiftung, Basel
- 1972 Literaturpreis der Stadt Zürich
- 1966 C.F. Meyer Preis
- 1964 Charles Veillon Preis für *Abwässer. Ein Gutachten*
- 1964 ›Charles Veillon Preis‹ für *Abwässer. Ein Gutachten*

Praise

Hugo Loetscher

»Hugo Loetscher is a wonderful narrator whose formulation of weighty thoughts is as light as a feather.« - *Sonntags Zeitung*, Zurich

»Punchlines, quirky humour, startling observations, witty comments - there's never a moment of boredom with Hugo Loetscher.« - Jürg Altwegg / *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*



Hugo Loetscher (1929 – 2009) was one of Switzerland's most famous writers with novels such as *Sewage* and *The Immune Man*. In his role as journalist, he travelled to Latin America, Southeast Asia and the USA regularly. He always held a particular interest in photography. Hugo Loetscher, who lived in Zurich, was a visiting lecturer at universities in Switzerland, the USA, Germany and Portugal; and a member of the Darmstadt Academy for Language and Poetry. In 1992, he was awarded the ›Schiller Prize‹ by Switzerland's Schiller Foundation.



So Few Letters, So Much World
480 pages
2024



Inventing Discovery
384 pages
2016



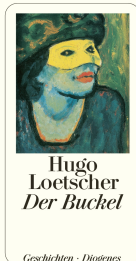
Wonder World
416 pages
2009



Once There Was the World
128 pages
2004



Read, Don't Climb!
448 pages
2003



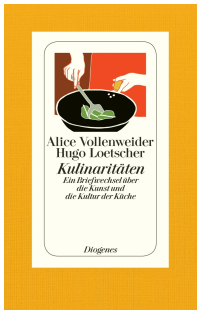
The Hunchback
224 pages
2002



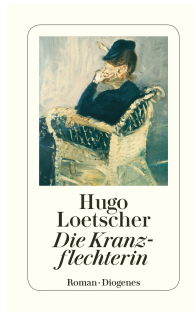
The Eyes of the Mandarin
384 pages
1999



Season
416 pages
1995



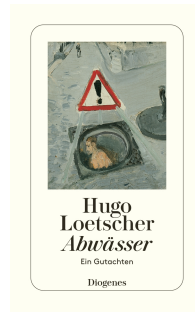
Culinarities
144 pages
1991



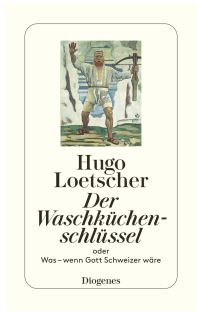
The Wreath Maker
192 pages
1989



The Fly and the Soup
224 pages
1989



Sewage
160 pages
1989
🏆 **Award winner**



The Laundry Room Key
192 pages
1988
🎬 **Movie Adaptation**



Telling about Story-Telling
176 pages
1988



Papers of the Immune Man
512 pages
1986



The Immune Man
448 pages
1985



Noah
144 pages
1984



Was My Time My Time
192 pages
1983



Autumn in the Big Orange
168 pages
1982