

Olga Tokarczuk won Nobel prize - Krakow honours the writer

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Thursday, 10 October 2019 will forever be remebered as the exceptional day for Polish literature. The Swedish Academy announced that a novelist Olga Tokarczuk is the Noble prize winner in literature.

The Mayor of Krakow Jacek Majchrowski congratulated the Nobel prize winner in an official letter. Tokarczuk is closely cooperating with the Krakow "Conrad Festival", attending it frequently. Mayor Majchrowski decided that 25.000 trees will be planted in Krakow, creating the "Primeval Wood" dedicated to the Nobel prize winner. Planting will start on 29 October 2019 in the frame of "Conrad Festival" programme.

Olga Tokarczuk (born in 1962) is the writer, author of film scripts, poet and psychologist. Among her most important novels are: *"The Journey of the Book-People"* (1993), *"Primeval and Other Times"* (1996), *"House of Day, House of Night"* (1998), *"Flights"* (2007), *"Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead"* (2009). The book considered to be the writer's opus magnum, *"The* books of Jacob" was published in 2014. Collection of *"Bizarre Stories"* (2018) is her most recent book.

In 2018, Olga Tokarczuk won the Man Booker International Prize for her novel *Flights* (translated by Jennifer Croft). Tokarczuk is considered as the leading Polish novelist of her generation.