

The past and future of  
Ukraine through the  
prism of literature



# 'In the Echoes of Ancient times: past resonates with the present'

- early focus on religious narratives like translations, hagiography, and theology.

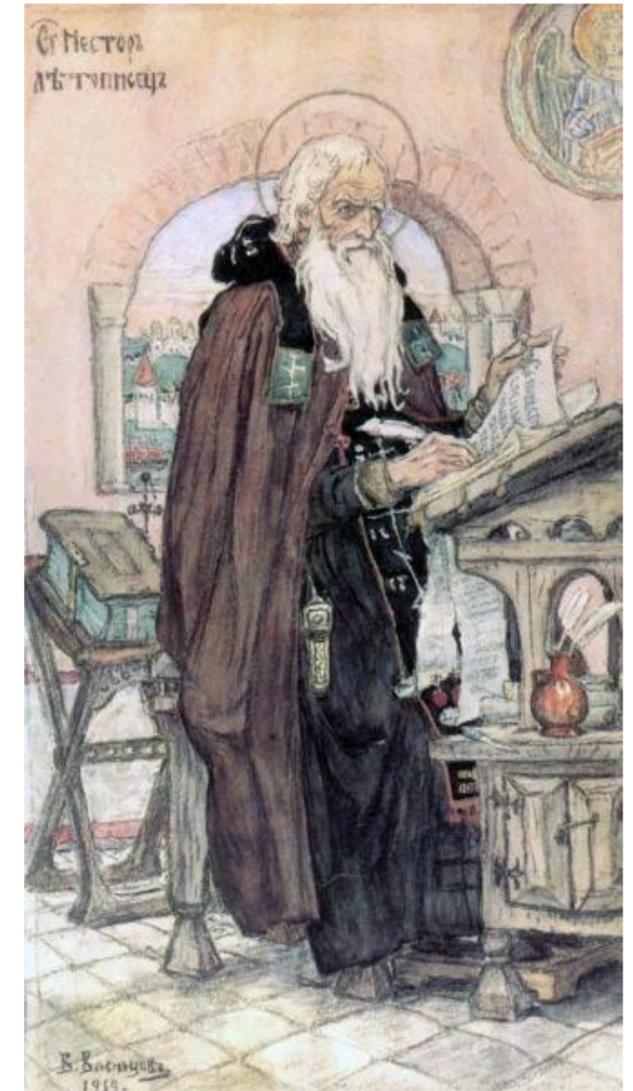
- encompassed chronicles, hagiography, and theological writings.

- noteworthy Works: "The Primary Chronicle" and "The Tale of Igor's Campaign."

- cultural Interactions: Influenced by Byzantine, Scandinavian, and Central European traditions.

- enduring Legacy: Left a lasting impact on Ukrainian literary movements and cultural identity.

## Nestor the Chronicler

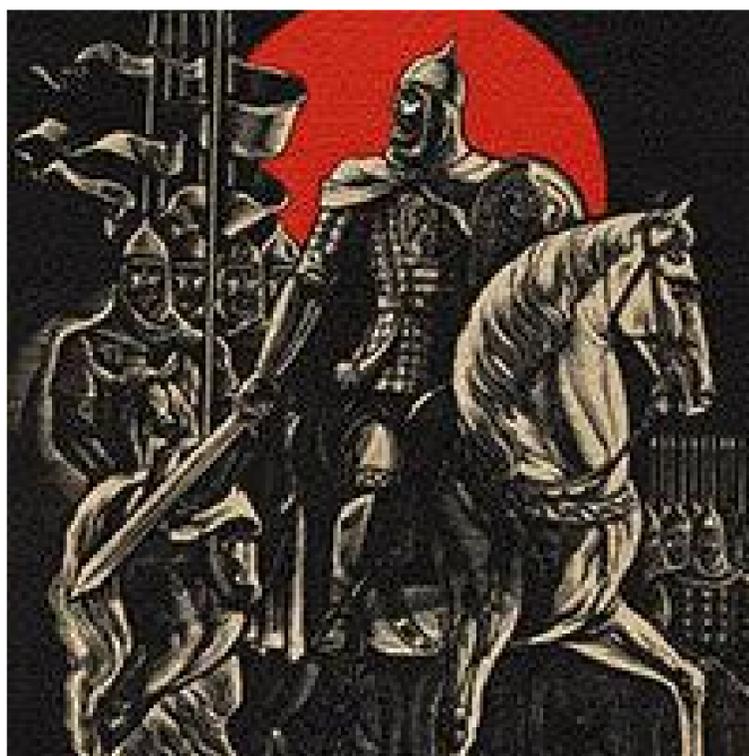


## Primary Chronicle



# ‘Through centuries echoes, the Tale of Igor's Campaign calls for unity’

- Emphasis on warrior honor as a driving force.
- Central theme of betrayal with far-reaching consequences.
- Depiction of the resilient and unwavering spirit of medieval Slavic warriors amid campaign challenges.



# ‘Words unveil its wisdom in philosophical echoes of Hryhorii Skovoroda’



- humanity, morality, and wisdom
- timeless lessons through fables
- human-divine connection
- folklore, Christianity, philosophy
- leaves a lasting cultural legacy



Skovoroda on the ₴500 banknote



“The world tried to catch me but failed”

Picture of the Skovoroda's concept  
"Unequal to all equality"

"In the poetic verses of Kotliarevsky, 'Natalka Poltavka' is a testament to the enduring spirit of Ukrainian love and the cultural mosaic of its people."



Meet the Bard: Ivan Kotlyarevsky (1769–1838), a trailblazer in Ukrainian literature.



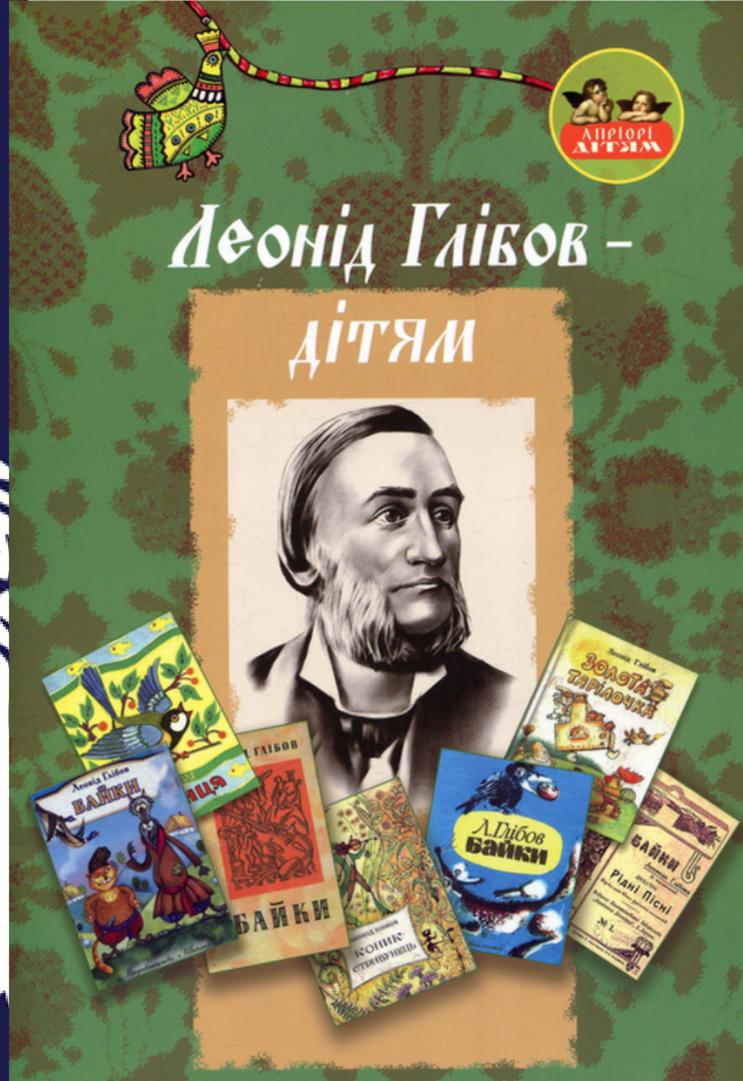
Key themes:  
Rural Romanticism  
Love and Sacrifice  
Traditions  
Celebration of Ukrainian  
identity  
Humor and Satire



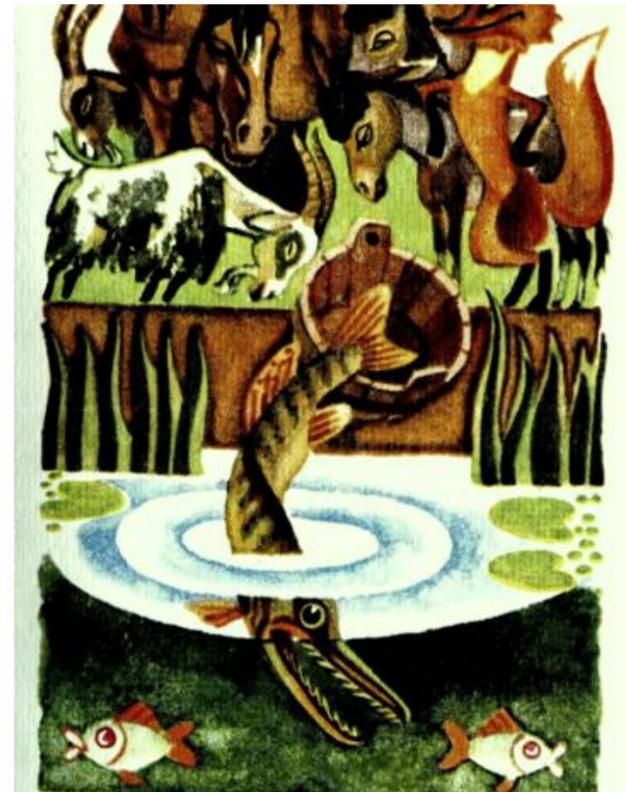
"In the enchanting world of Hlibov's fables, Ukraine's past unfolds through the whimsy of storytelling."

Key points:

- Irony and Paradox
- Educational Value
- Timelessness
- Humor and Wit



Fable "The wolf and the cat"

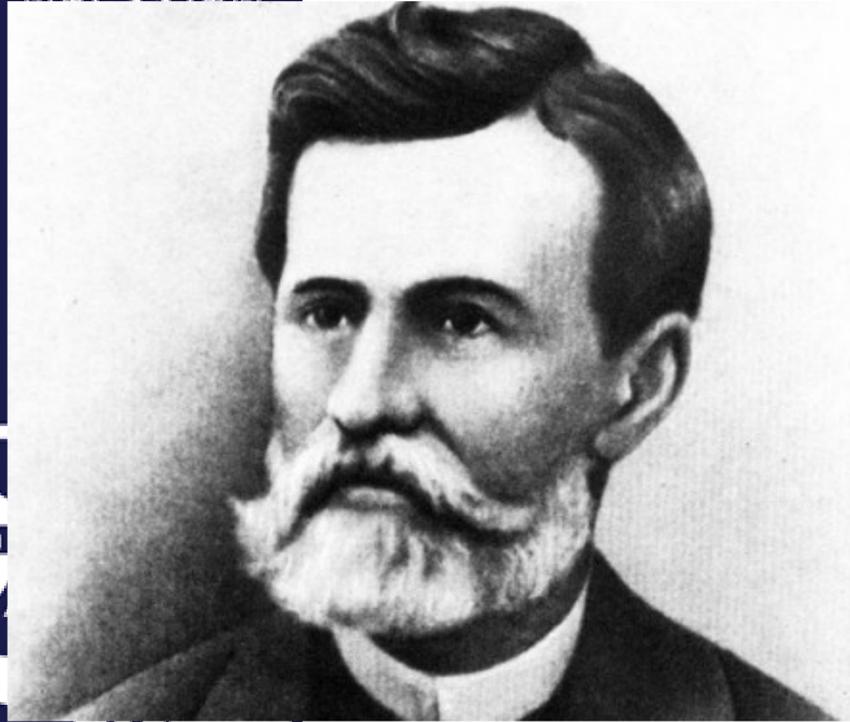


Fable "The pike"



Fable "The bee and the fly"

"In the pages of 'The Kaidash Family,' the echoes of Ukrainian village life resonate through the corridors of time."



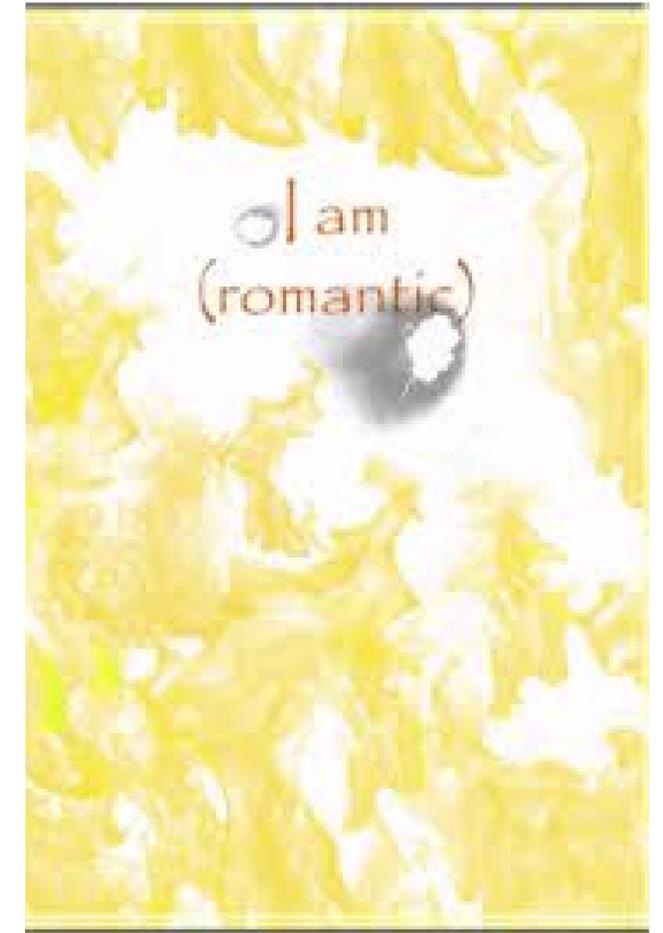
- Key themes:
- Family Dynamics
  - Village Life
  - Tradition and Culture
  - Social Injustice
  - Generational Change
  - Love and Relationships
  - Nature

Literary Maestro: Ivan  
Nechuy-Levytskyi  
(1838-1918)



# Ideological struggle

*"But it was a reality: predatory and cruel like a pack of hungry wolves. It was hopeless reality inevitable as death itself"*



**"I am a chekist, but I am also a human being"**



Mykola Khvylovy  
1893-1933

**Get away from  
Moscow!"  
"Give us Europe!"**

## Shot Renaissance

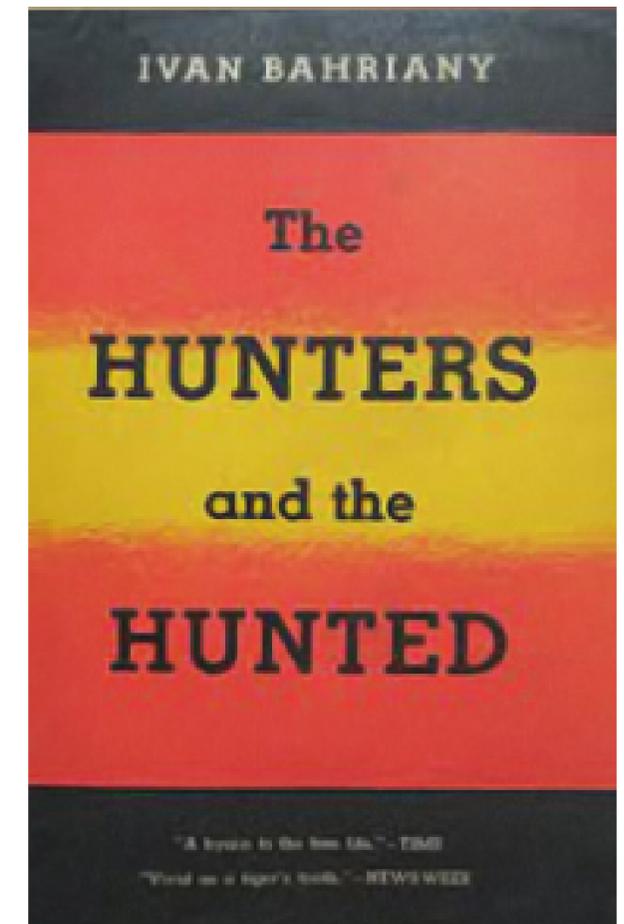


# Struggle of body and spirit

Ivan Bahrianyi  
1906-1963



AKA "Tiger Trappers"



"Ninety-nine chances against one were that he would die,  
but he jumped."

**"Fortune favors the bold"**

# The New Generation



**Yuriy Ruf**  
1980-2022

"I'm not a poet, I'm a PhD in engineering,  
I'm a technician".

## A New Dawn

The rusty dawn emerges  
from the dead o' night,  
The heavens glow with a  
furnace's somber might.  
Horizontal tails of flames  
ignite,  
In torn cloud crevices,  
they come to sight.  
Far in the fields, glows  
terracon,  
A hot disc rising, the  
zenith bestows.  
In morning mist, where  
dreams compose,  
A new dawn reigns, and  
claims its throne.





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## “The language of war”

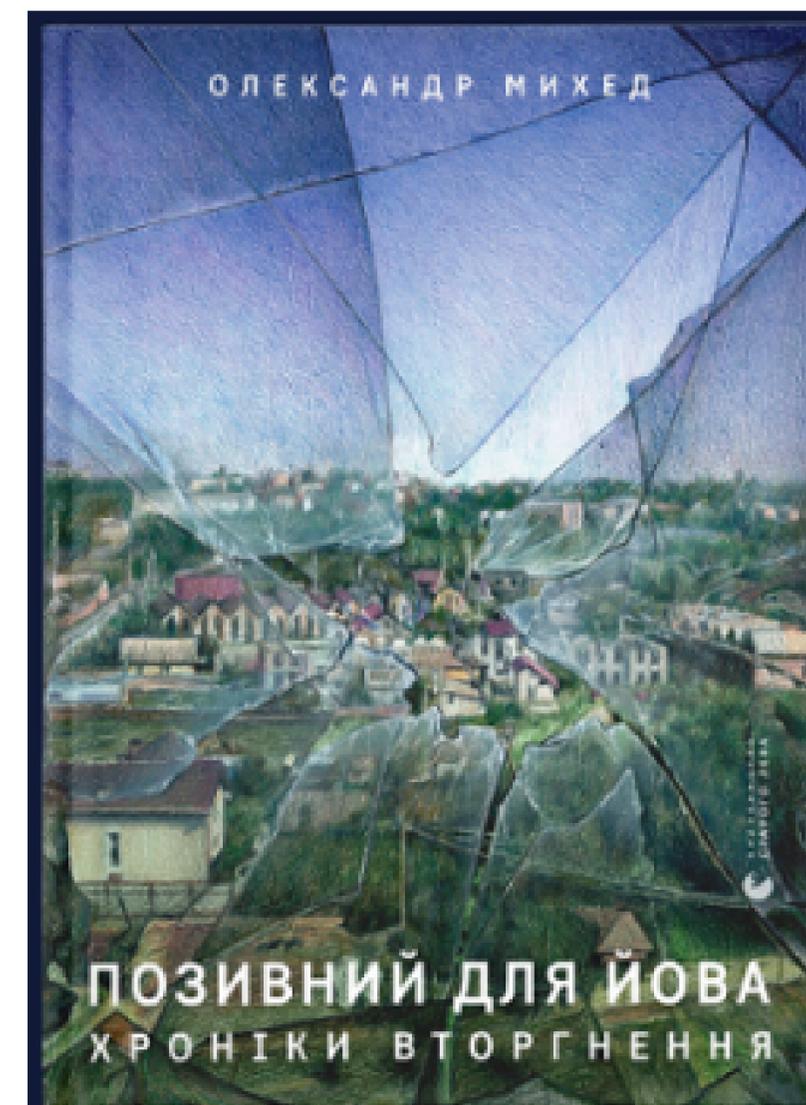
- **War** is a tally of tragedies that cannot be forgotten, and it is a martyrology of destroyed cities and cultural monuments
- The **language of war** is the flow of speech in which **trauma** speaks. Trauma cannot be silent. The war engenders a return to the simplest means of communication.
- The more of us they **kill**, the more of us will bear witness to their evil. Because there is **evil that should never be forgotten**.
- I'm waiting for messages from my brothers-in-arms. Just **one small symbol that means life**.
  - +
  - “Alive”



Oleksandr Mykhed

1988-

*“The language of war is the words of goodbyes.”*



Nickname for Job. Chronicles of the invasion

Дякуємо за увагу!

ご清聴ありがとうございました

Thank you for your attention!

