

work and reinterpreting him or her in a twentieth- or twenty-first-century text has gained popularity lately, to mention only *Wide Sargasso Sea*. Brintlinger does an excellent job delineating the ugly and hopeless world of Yasha's descendants.

Chekhov was a gentle writer who eschewed posing the grand questions, preferring instead to sketch out vignettes of ordinary life. This book, published well over a hundred years after the writer's demise, is proof that Chekhov's seemingly lightweight stories are loaded with messages, and that these messages are being rediscovered by new generations of readers. (ET)

Spogląd: Opowiadania i miniatury, by Jacek Pankiewicz. Brzezia Łąka: Wydawnictwo Poligraf, 2015. 123 pages. ISBN 978-83-7856-340-2. Paper. In Polish.

A book of aphorisms and reflections of the kind that one person tells another over a glass of wine. *The book to read when you feel very lonely.*

Love for Family, Friends, and Books, by Aleksandra Ziółkowska-Boehm. Lanham-Boulder: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015. viii + 352 pages. Notes, index of names. ISBN 978-0-7618-6568-1. Paper.

One of those books authors write when they signal farewell to their writing careers. Ziółkowska-Boehm is a prolific writer, and it is to be hoped that she will not quit at a relatively young age. The book is a chatty autobiography that involves Poland, the United States, and dozens of famous and not-so-famous people with whom the author maintained close or not-so-close relations. A good book to read by the fireplace, with a cup of tea in hand.

Orzeł i półksiężyc. 600 lat polskiej publicystyki poświęconej Turcji (Six hundred years of Polish writings about Turkey), **edited by Dariusz Kołodziejczyk.** Warsaw: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2014. 416 pages. Illustrations, notes. ISBN 978-83-63743-37-6. Hardcover. In Polish.

A beautifully assembled collection of Polish writings about Turkey starting with chronicler Jan Długosz (fifteenth century), through court documents, travelogues, and literary works, to the present time. The authors include such important personalities as Kallimach, Andrzej Frycz-Modrzewski, and King Jan III Sobieski. It is useful to have such a collection handy if one is a Polish ambassador to Turkey, but otherwise the effort and cost seem to be under a question mark. Do Poles really need this book? Would it not have been better to spend the considerable money involved on public relations concerning those moments in history when Polish and Turkish interests coincided, or just public relations on behalf of Poland in Turkey? It is unlikely that this Polish-language book will be read in Turkey.

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