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Liliia KORNILIEVA: ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Liliia Kornilieva, DSc (Philology), is a professor at the H.S.Skovoroda Kharkiv National Pedagogical University teaching Cross-Cultural Studies, Practice of Translation and Literary Studies. She has over 50 publications, two monographs and three textbooks included, a number of articles and teaching guides. She is also a prolific author of popular books.

During 2022 alone, she published six books for children. Her book “Mysteries of Kharkiv Covered with Snow”, published as early as January 2022, gives us the last glimpse of the pre-war city. The author focuses on traditions of celebrating Christmas and New Year`s Day in Kharkiv. Liliia Kornilieva reveals the symbolic meaning of beautiful Christmas installations, decorations, Ukrainian souvenirs, confectionary and merchandise. Many local traditions, toponyms and realia are not only mentioned but also fully explained.

The book of fairy tales called "The Stories of Oleksiivka" was illustrated by the author. Liliia Kornilieva beautifully decorated glossy pages of her book with highly-detailed and numerous drawings. In the text, the author focused on the old-standing Ukrainian traditions, toponymy, folk crafts, local lore of the village of Oleksiivka, which is located in Kharkiv region of Ukraine. H. S. Skovoroda once visited that village, and the collection of stories was published to mark the philosopher`s 300 anniversary.

Liliia Kornilieva`s book for young children called “A Sound Piece of Advice” was illustrated by a famous Ukrainian artist Kateryna Gneusheva. The technique used in that book is called Samchykiv decorative painting, which is traditional for the village of Samchyky, located in Starokostiantyniv district of Khmelnytsky region (Ukraine).

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Samchykiv decorative painting is as old as the famous Petrykivka but is less known to large audiences. The very first book on beautiful Samchykivka was written by Olha Mashevska only in 2022.

The book "Legend of One Castle" was illustrated by the photos of exquisite sgraffito pottery and traditional Kosiv ornaments made by the well-known artists and potters, the Trots family, who reside in Ivano-Frankivsk Region of Ukraine. On December, 12, 2019 in Bogota (Columbia) Kosiv Painted Ceramics was included into the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The book "An Old Man`s Magic Birds" by Liliia Kornilieva is written in English. That fairy-tale was illustrated by a renowned Ukrainian artist Svitlana Bilenko who specializes in Petrykivka painting that initially was the art of decorating whitewashed walls of Ukrainian clay huts. This traditional style of Ukrainian painting originates from the village of Petrykivka in Dnipropetrovsk Region of our country. In 2012, the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine recognized Petrykivka painting as a part of the intangible cultural heritage of Ukraine. One year later, in 2013, it was included in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The book "An Old Man`s Magic Birds" is available in two variants of design, featuring St. Nicholas against the field of white and blue. Ukrainian version of this fairy-tale, based on the same plot and written by the same author, is called "Magic Birds". The book was also illustrated by Svitlana Bilenko.

Fairy-tales written by Liliia Kornilieva and illustrated by the best Ukrainian artists, proved to be a great success. They are discussed in the media, exhibited in Ukrainian national museums and abroad. The most recent exhibition took place in late December 2022 in Japan (Osaka).

The novel "Love as a Step Sequence" by Liliia Kornilieva is due in 2023. It is a life-affirmative, laugh-out-loud funny, and inspiring piece of writing. It`s important that the novel is much more than just a beautiful love story of two famous figure skaters, who shot to fame as professional sportsmen and young actors. The book is also thought-provoking, informative and helps to raise cultural awareness. High end often meets high street, aristocratic London meets New York, and the celebs often find their "romance" with the press a thing to endure.

Books Published by Liliia Kornilieva in 2022 in Their Original Wording:

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Корнільєва Л. Олексіївські історії. Запоріжжя: ФОП Мокшанов В.В., 2022. 88 с.

Корнільєва Л. Легенда одного замку. Київ: Ліра-К, 2022. 32 с.

Корнільєва Л. Чарівні птахи. Київ: Ліра-К, 2022. 40 с.

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