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to *SlovakLiterature.com*, a new site dedicated to bringing a curated experience of Slovak literature to English-language audiences.



*SlovakLiterature.com* is the brainchild of two translators, Julia Sherwood and Magdalena Mullek. It builds on their successful collaboration in editing and translating the anthology *Into the Spotlight* (2017) and continues and extends their promotion of Slovak literature through their jointly administered Facebook group.



The site is being launched to introduce **#Raising the Velvet Curtain**, a series of events held in the UK in October and November 2019 to mark the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. This is an exciting, richly diverse and innovative festival featuring book launches, talks and discussions with award-winning writers and filmmakers, as well theatre and dance, made possible by grants from the Slovak Arts Council, the Arts Council England National Lottery, and the generous support of the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in the UK. In the long term we aim to expand *SlovakLiterature.com* into a permanent showcase of Slovak literary works in English.

We will start with information on authors and books featured in the 2019 events and gradually add profiles of other Slovak authors published in English, as well as samples of works that we hope will attract the interest of publishers. We also plan to feature reviews and interviews and bring together other useful resources for everyone interested in the contemporary literary scene in Slovakia.

We hope you will enjoy browsing the site and we would love to receive your feedback.

*Magdalena*

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