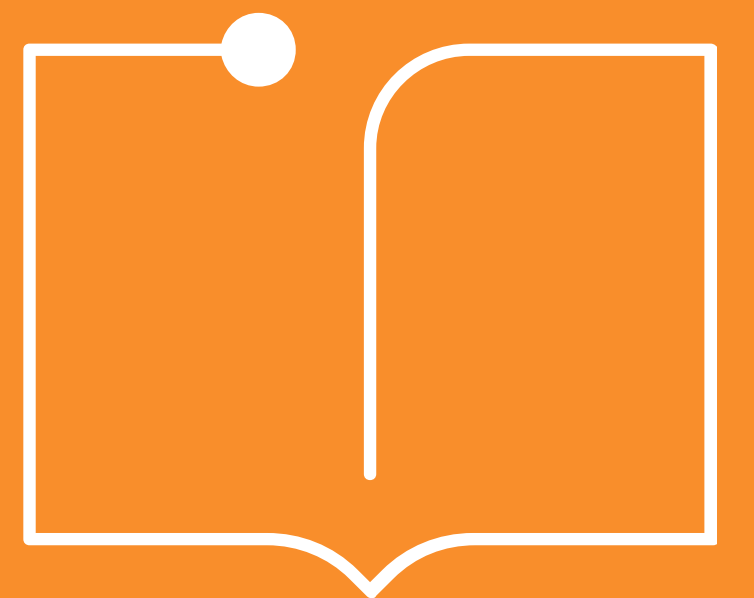


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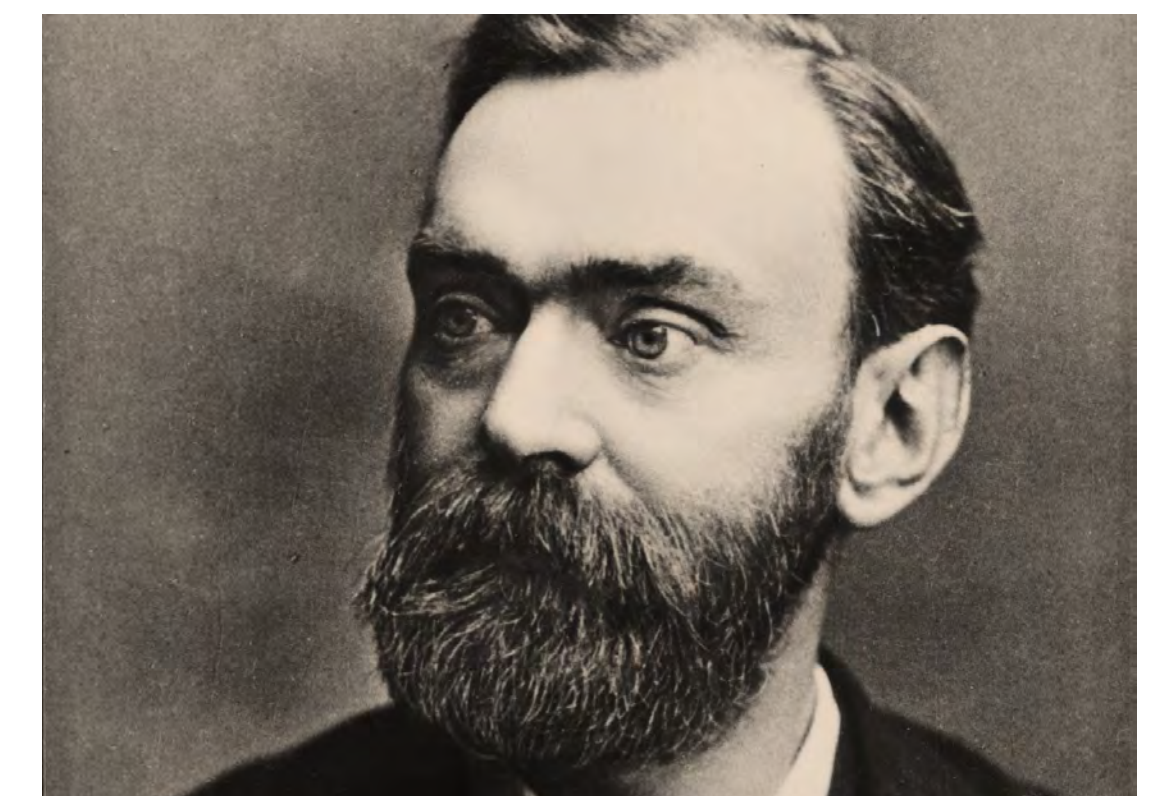
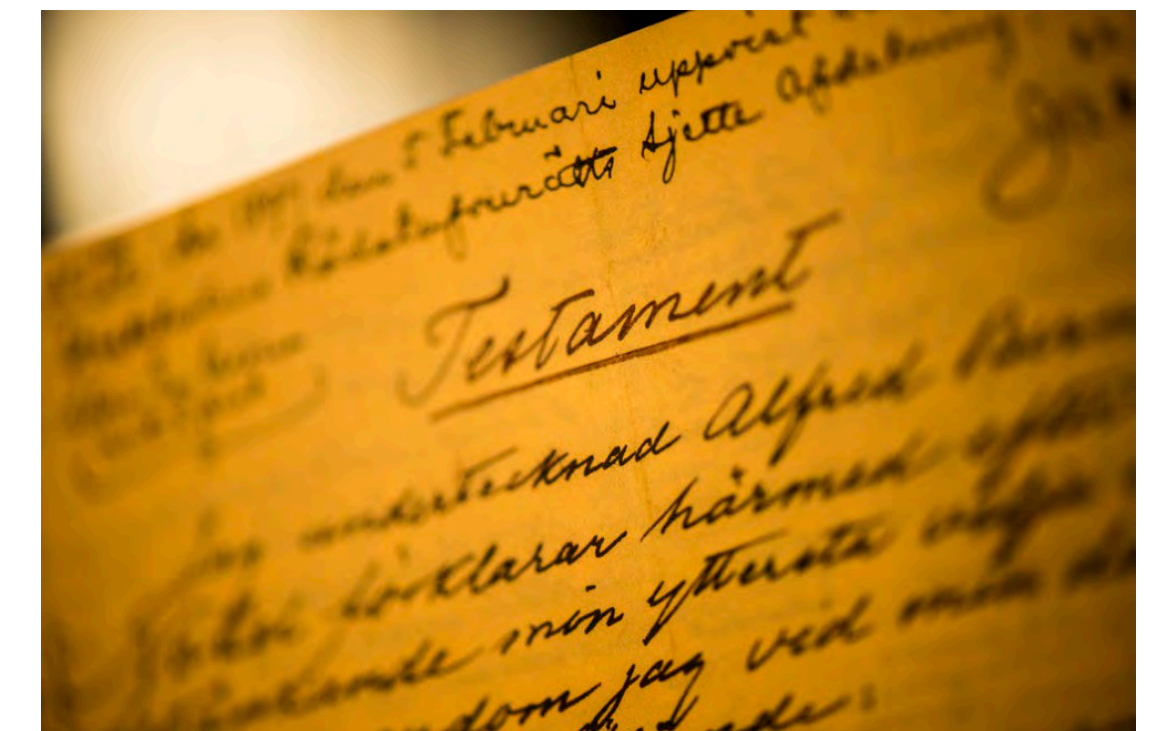
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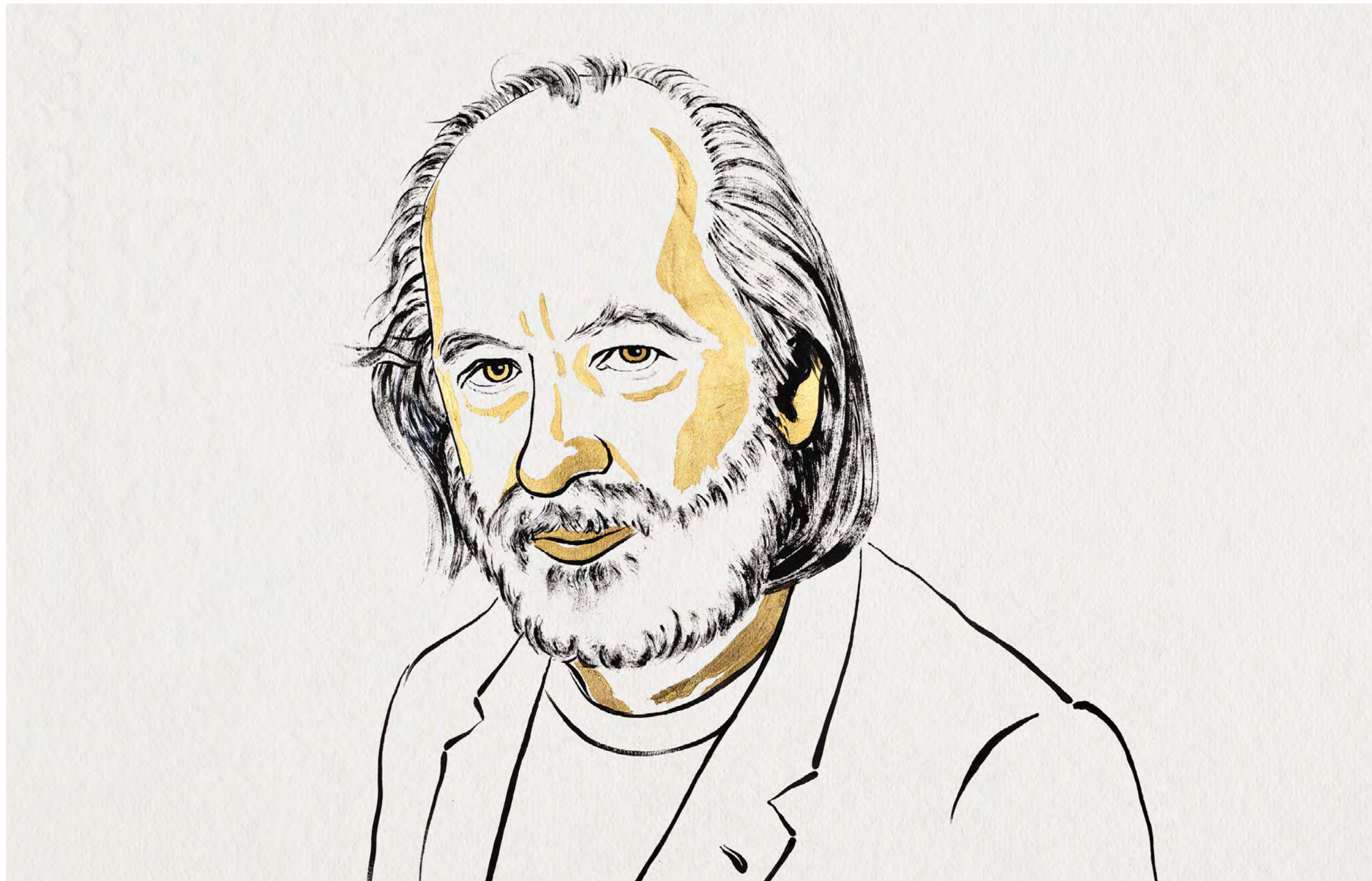
“the person who shall have produced in the field of literature the most outstanding work in an ideal direction”

*Alfred Nobel (1833–1896)*





# The 2025 Nobel Prize laureate in literature



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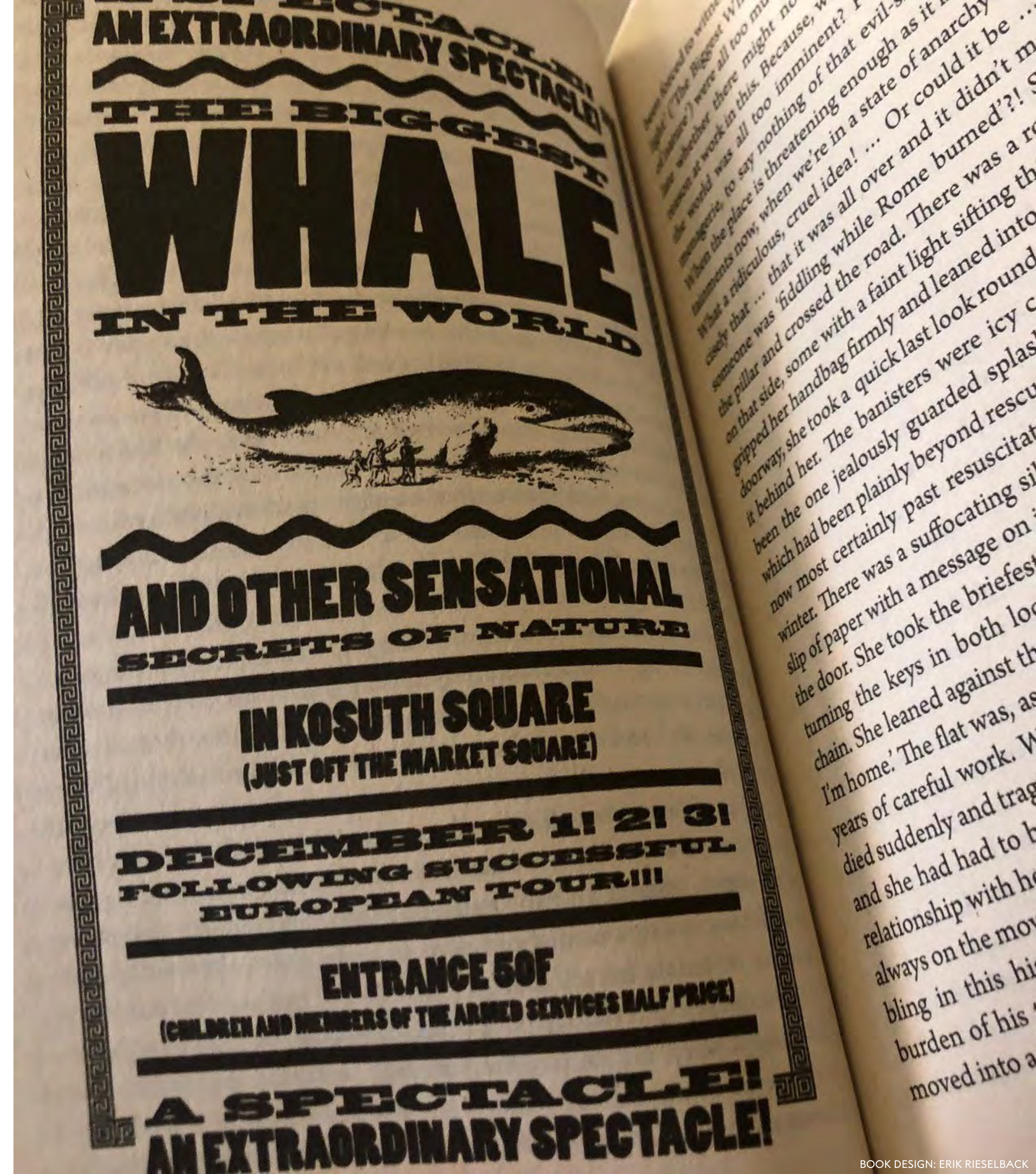
Name: László Krasznahorkai  
Born: 1954, Hungary

“for his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art”



## Recurring themes

His stories are dark and apocalyptic,  
but there is also humour.





# The importance of music and art

Many of the characters in Krasznahorkai's novels seek refuge in music and art.



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The flowing style

“I don’t trust short sentences.”

László Krasznahorkai, The 2025 Nobel Prize laureate in literature



## From *Herscht 07769*

... he signed the letter, folded it twice, slipped it into the envelope, and addressed it, but no, he shook his head, it wasn't good, he took the letter out of the envelope, crumpled it up and threw the paper to the ground, as he said to himself (as he usually did): I must start from the assumption that the Chancellor is a trained physicist; this meant that he did not have to explain everything in detail but could hit the ground running so the Chancellor could at once grasp the importance of this matter and act immediately ...



Krasznahorkai and our  
current society

”... reading gives us  
more power to survive  
this very, very difficult  
time on Earth.”

László Krasznahorkai, Nobel Prize laureate in literature 2025



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