



## Eugene Onegin

A Novel in Verse

*By Alexander Pushkin, Translated by Mary Hobson*

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### Russian classic in translation

A breath-takingly brilliant tour de force' —Sue Arnold, the Guardian

A powerful love story set in the class-conscious Tsarist Russia of the early 19th century. It embraces every level of that society – serf, provincial, aristocrat – in verse which is by turns beautiful, witty, wickedly perceptive and always readable.

This is essential reading for anyone with a love of Russian literature, because this is where it all began. There is little pre-history to that golden age of 19th century novels. Lomonosov, a fisherman's son turned scholar, took church Slavonic, peasant Russian, mixed in a few 'Loan translations' and gave a French-speaking aristocracy a literary language; Pushkin was the first truly great poet to use it; Yevgeny Onegin is his greatest work.

### Readership

Anyone who loves to read the poetry of another culture in a translation which preserves the music of the original in rhyme and rhythm. Any of the many Russians now living in the UK who have known Onegin since childhood and more than all these, anyone who loves a good story, knows it perhaps in Tchaikovsky's opera, but not its source in Pushkin's novel in verse.

### About the Author(s) / Editor(s)

Alexander Pushkin was a Russian author of the Romantic era who is considered by many to be the greatest Russian poet and the founder of modern Russian literature.

Mary Hobson was awarded the Pushkin gold medal for translation by the Russian Association of Creative Unions in 1999, the bicentenary of Pushkin's birth.

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