

# Czech life and culture

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# Simon Mawer

- The Glass Room:

<http://www.simonmawer.com/TheGlassRoom.htm>

- Mendel's Dwarf: <http://www.simonmawer.com/Mendel.htm>

# Readers and reading in the Czech Republic

- public libraries (2013): 5.381
- loans (thousands): 64.208
- registered readers per thousand inhabitants: 136,1
- loans per thousand inhabitants: 6.109

# Titles published

- total titles (2013): 17.876
- fiction: 5.190
- fiction share: 29%
- titles published per thousand inhabitants: 1,7

# Reading (2013)

- 84% read at least one book over the year
- 32% visited at least one public library
- domestic libraries: 250 volumes
- 33 minutes reading books per day
- number of book purchased: 2,3 volumes

# Reading (2013)

- the most popular autor: Michal Viewegh
- the most popular book: Betty McDonald: The Egg and I

# Michal Viewegh

- novelist, playwright, screenwriter
- born on 31st March 1962 in Prague
- full-time writer
- 2012 suffered an aortic dissection
- <http://www.viewegh.cz/en/knihy.php>



# Milan Kundera

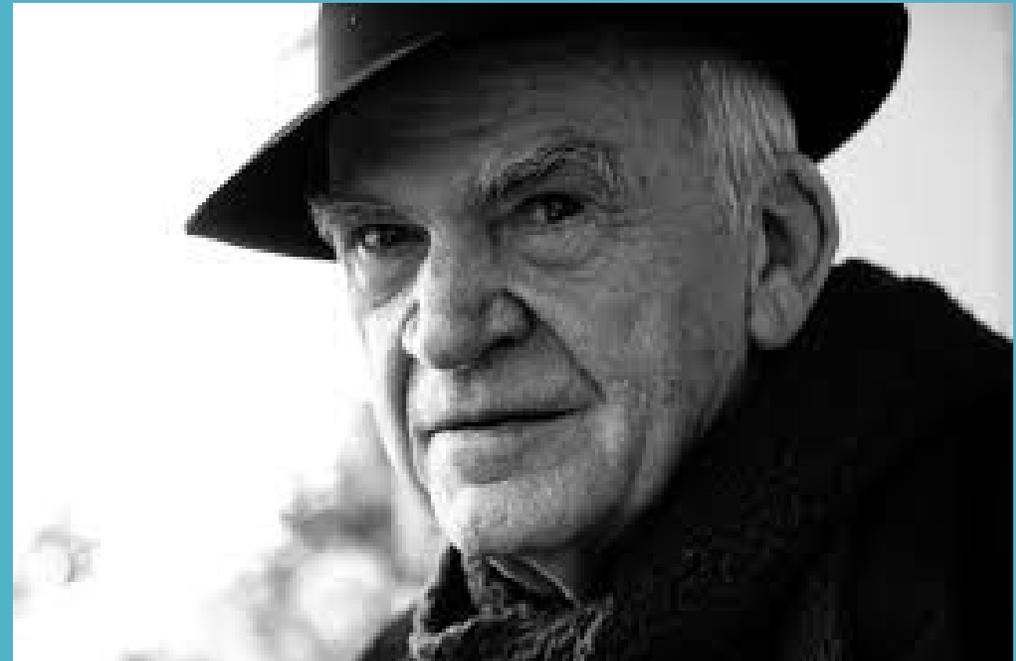
- born on 1st April 1929 in Brno

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<http://www.kundera.de/english/Bibliography/bibliography.html>

- Czech-French writer

- exile in France since 1975



# Václav Havel

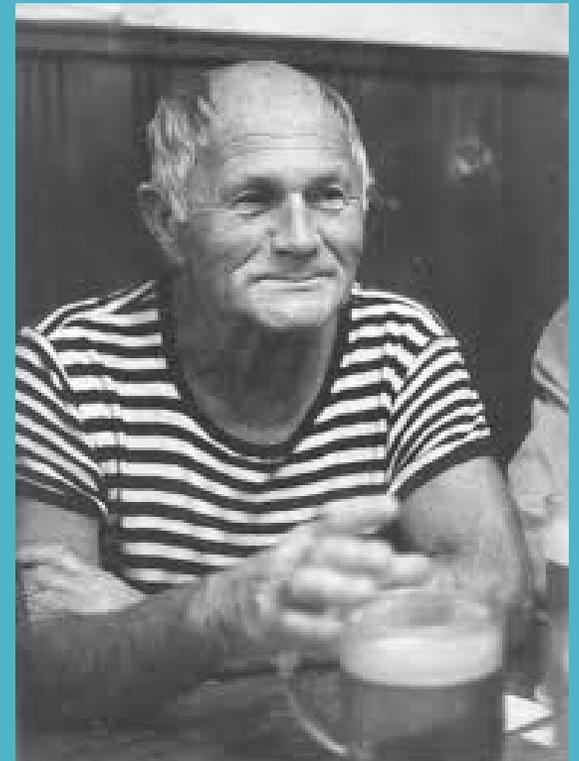
- 5 October 1936 – 18 December 2011
- Czech writer, playwright, statesman
- „Truth and love must prevail over lies and hatred“



Václav Havel  
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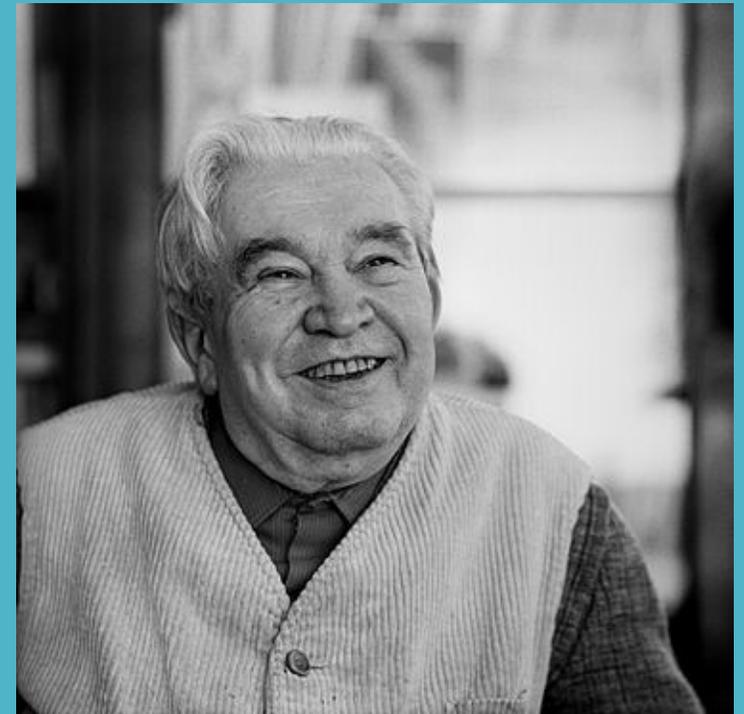
# Bohumil Hrabal

- 28 March 1914 in Brno – 3 February 1997 in Prague
- studied law; worked as an insurance agent, manual labourer, paper-packer, stagehand...
- Pearls of the Deep; Palaverers
- film adaptations by J. Menzel
- Closely Observed Trains
- I Served the English King



# Jaroslav Seifert

- 23 September 1901 – 10 January 1986
- writer, poet and journalist
- 1986 Nobel Prize–winner



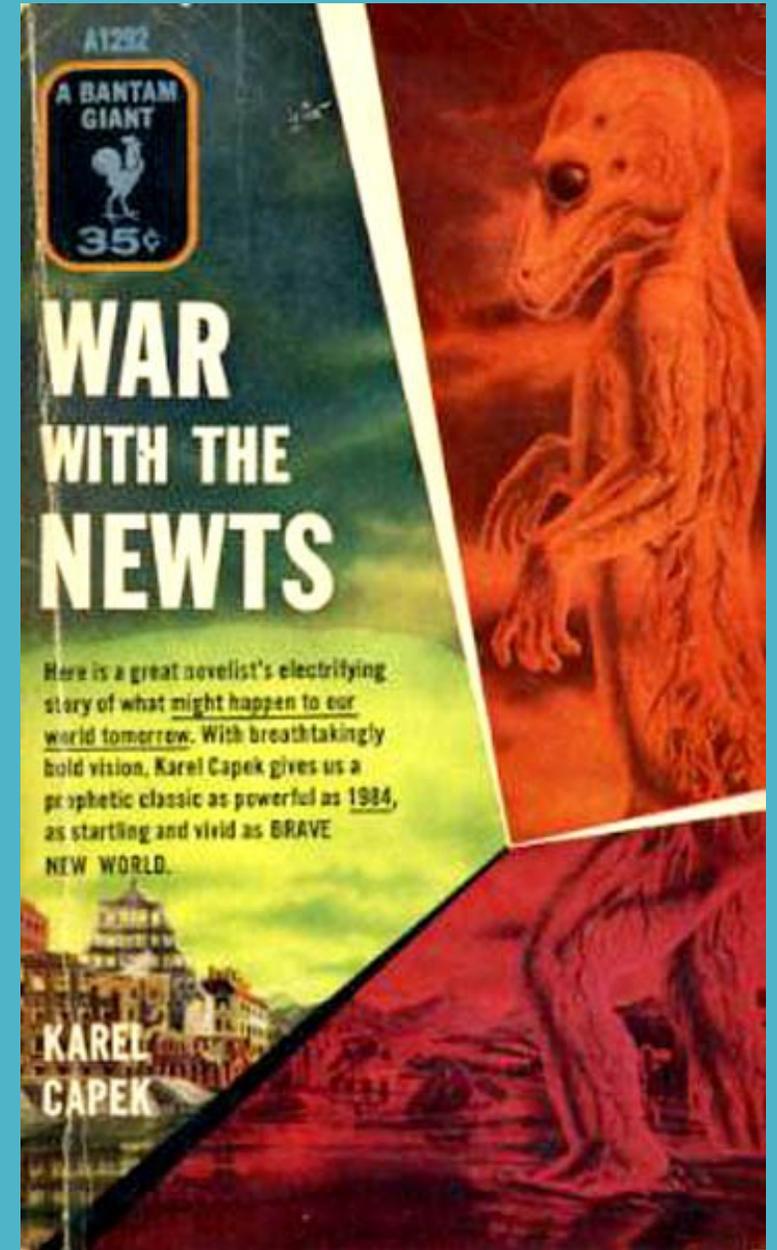
# Karel Čapek

- 9 January 1890 – 25 December 1938
- writer, playwright, dramatist, essayist, journalist, literary reviewer, and art critic
- the word *robot* in his play R.U.R.
- The Makropulos Affair; The White Disease



# War with the Newts

- science fiction novel
- people x salamanders



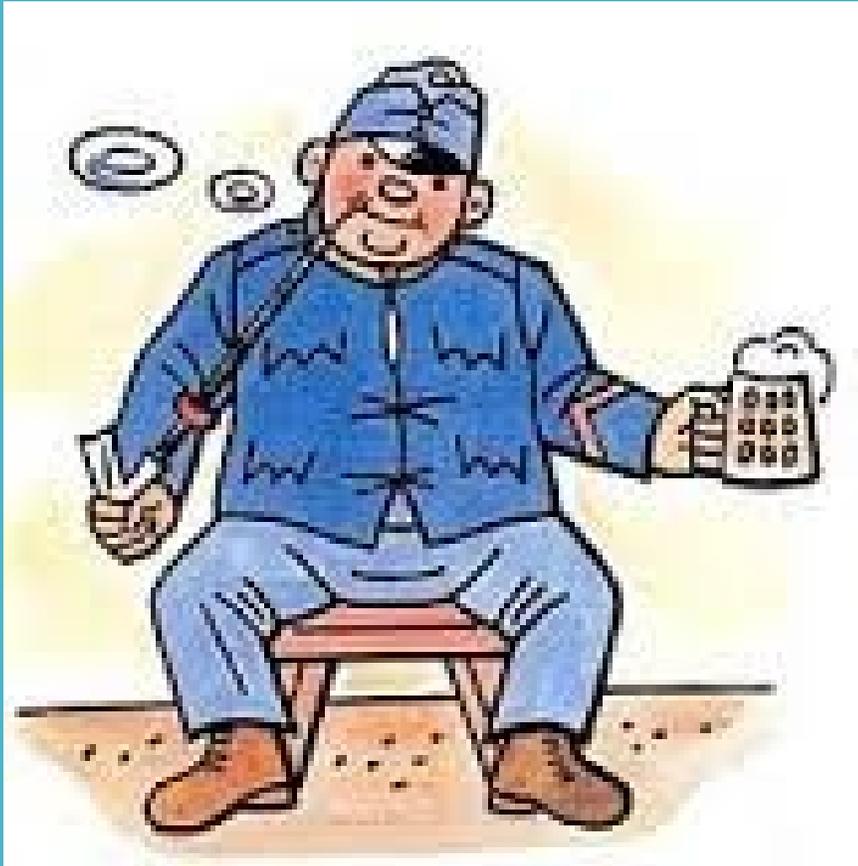
# Jaroslav Hašek

- April 30, 1883 – January 3, 1923
- writer, humorist, satirist, journalist, bohemian and anarchist



# The Good Soldier Švejk

Josef Švejk by Josef Lada



# Franz Kafka

- 3 July 1883 in Prague – 3 June 1924
- German-language writer
- The Metamorphosis
- The Trial
- The Castle

# Děkuji za pozornost!

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