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TOP 4 19TH CENTURY RUSSIAN AUTHORS

Hi friends, I hope your week has gone well thus far. This list is a short selection of Russian authors who were active between 1800-1900. This era is referred to as the “golden age” of Russian literature. All of the accomplishments of authors during this time period are difficult to summarize in a single paragraph but it’s generally agreed upon that prose and realism flourished during this time period. Here’s my humble attempt at ranking some of the fathers of Russian Literature, feel free to reach out to me if you disagree or would like to discuss further:

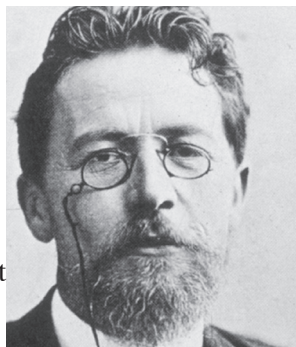
4. Nikolay Karamzin

Karamzin was a forefather of sentimentalism in Russian literature. One of his most celebrated works, “Bednaya Liza”, is a tragic love story that is one of the most celebrated works of the Russian sentimental school. His works invoke a strong sense of compassion within his readers whether they like it or not, and I’m more than confident that his works will be studied in literary circles 300 years from now.



3. Anton Chekhov

Chekhov is regarded as one of the most distinguished playwrights and short-story authors of all time. He’s most famously associated with the rule known as Chekhov’s Gun, which is best described in his own words:



“Remove everything that has no relevance to the story. If you say in the first chapter that there is a rifle hanging on the wall, in the second or third chapter it absolutely must go off. If it’s not going to be fired, it shouldn’t be hanging there.”

MORE AUTHORS ON THE BACK...

DISORGANIZED BEER RANKING

What is UP you guys it’s almost Halloween and I am PUMPED! I’ve been sampling entire cases on the daily and I think I got the whole list down. I know each and every one of you is getting absolutely sloshed this weekend and if you decide to start off light before you start taking rips straight out of the bottle I have the list that you need. If you don’t agree with my rankings then you’re just straight up wrong and that’s on you.

DEAD LAST: Hamm’s, Keystone, Miller, Natty

Complete garbage. I’m still not sure if these are beers or flavorless kombuchas. These are really only good for handing out to people that you *really* want to leave your party.



JUST ABOUT DEAD LAST BUT NOT QUITE: Ice versions of all the above beers

Just about 6% ABV. Not amazing, but efficient.

BETTER: Mickey’s Fine Malt Liquor

Should malt liquor fit into this list? I don’t really care. You can snag two of these bad boys for a total of six bucks, tape em to your hands, and have a good time. Plastic grenades are a tier below the glass ones, but no matter what kind of bottle you snag it’ll get the job done.



PRETTY DECENT: Bud

America in a can.



We keep the better beer in the back...

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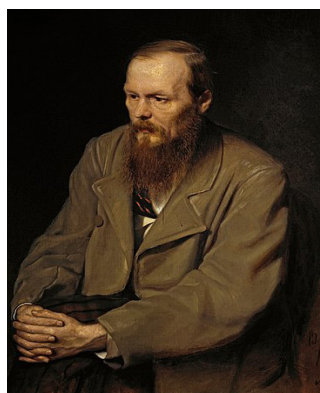
2. Vasily Zhukovsky

Zhukovsky is a fantastic author who was credited with starting the romantic movement in Russian literature. On top of his numerous works, he's also produced countless free translations of poetry written by authors ranging from Goethe to Homer. His translations were of the highest quality and gave readers the ability to appreciate a wide variety of works in their mother tongue.



1. Fyodor Dostoyevsky

If you passed a single high school English course, you're likely familiar with at least one of the works of Fyodor Dostoyevsky. His novel Crime and Punishment, a riveting critique on the condition of man, is widely regarded by many readers as his magnum opus. Although Dostoyevsky's writing style had arguably developed and evolved over the years, but he's always been known for his emphasis on realism and naturalism. The juxtaposition of the lifestyles of the rich and the poor are a common theme in his works, and dark content and imagery is another staple in many novels. People were Dostoyevsky's key focus; he sought to explain the character, nature, choices, and feelings of each person that he wrote into existence, giving mankind a mystical new sense in his works. I would argue that he was the king of Russian literature during his time period and I strongly suggest that you delve into his works.



-James Whitney, Humble Literature Critic

MORE BEERS

MORE DECENT: Fancy Craft Stuff

Hoppy. Piney. Hazy. These are all buzzwords that you don't *really* know how to use properly. Craft beers usually taste pretty good and the label art makes you feel like you're drinking something high quality. Enjoyment of craft beer goes straight down when you're drinking with a beer snob, so make sure you have a crowd that's comfortably clueless around the next time you decide to pay 13 dollars for a six pack.



PRETTY MORE DECENT: The Lone Beer Hidden in the Back of Your Fridge

Just when you thought you were all out, this guy popped out of nowhere to save the day. It could be a good beer, it could be a bad beer, but at the end of the day it's a beer that you have and that's what's really important.



GOD TIER: Rainier

Here's the one you've been waiting for. The hidden gem of the Pacific Northwest. The king of all lagers. The beer to end all beers. This one's best enjoyed out in nature right after taking some cliché mountain pic for the gram and then ending your hike right there. Good luck finding this stuff in Ohio, maybe you can get that one kid in your grade from Seattle to mail you a can or two if you manage to get on their good side.



Editor's note: Drink responsibly, and if you're under 21 then definitely don't drink at all because you're a law abiding citizen and Uncle Sam said no. Stay safe and wear a mask this weekend but make sure to have some fun, you deserve it after the last eight months.

-James Whitney, The Actual Worst

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we go home in three weeks and i feel that i have accomplished very little since i have arrived