

**Anton  
Pavlovich  
Chekhov**



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My favourite writer is Anton Pavlovich Chekhov. In my opinion, he is the greatest Russian dramatist and short-story writer. I'm never tired of reading his plays and humorous stories.



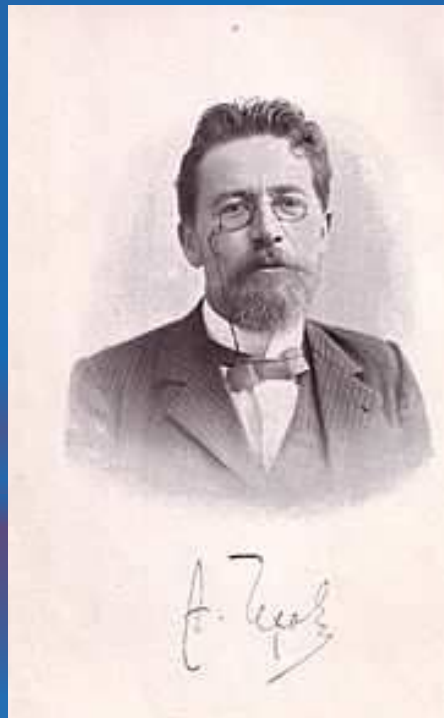


Chekhov was born in 1860 in Taganrog. In 1879 he went to Moscow, where he studied medicine.

While in a college, Chekhov wrote humorous sketches for comic papers to support his family.

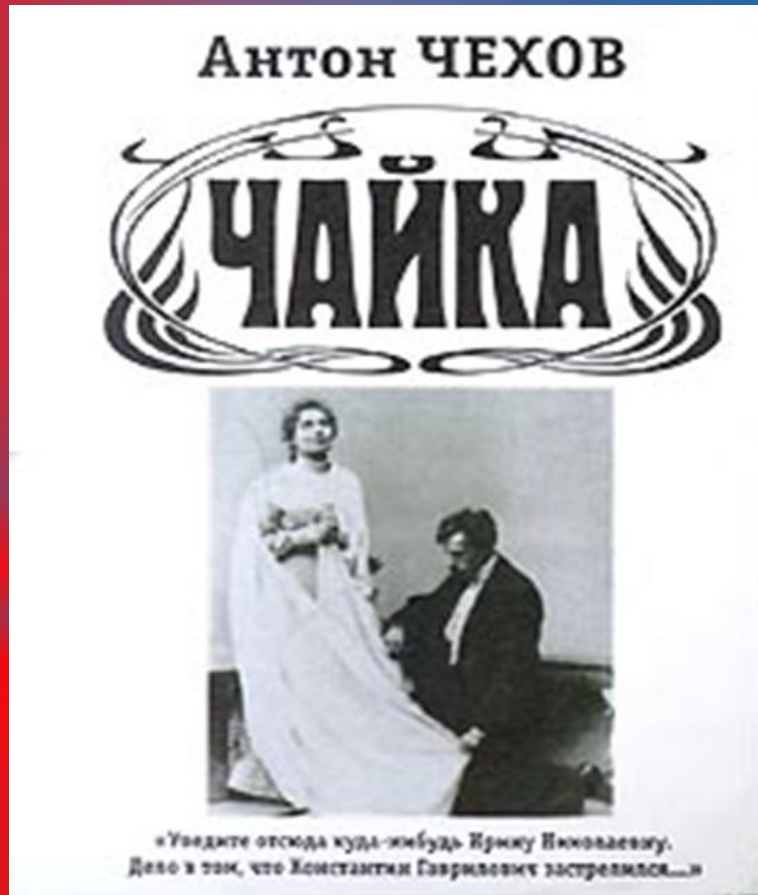


Chekhov, as an established writer, was able to develop a style of his own. In 1887 “Ivanov”, his first play, established Chekhov as a dramatist. From then on, he concentrated on writing plays, as well as short stories.





He spent 5 years there, and those were happy years in spite of the illness. He wrote some of his best stories there, including “The Seagull” and “Uncle Vanya”.



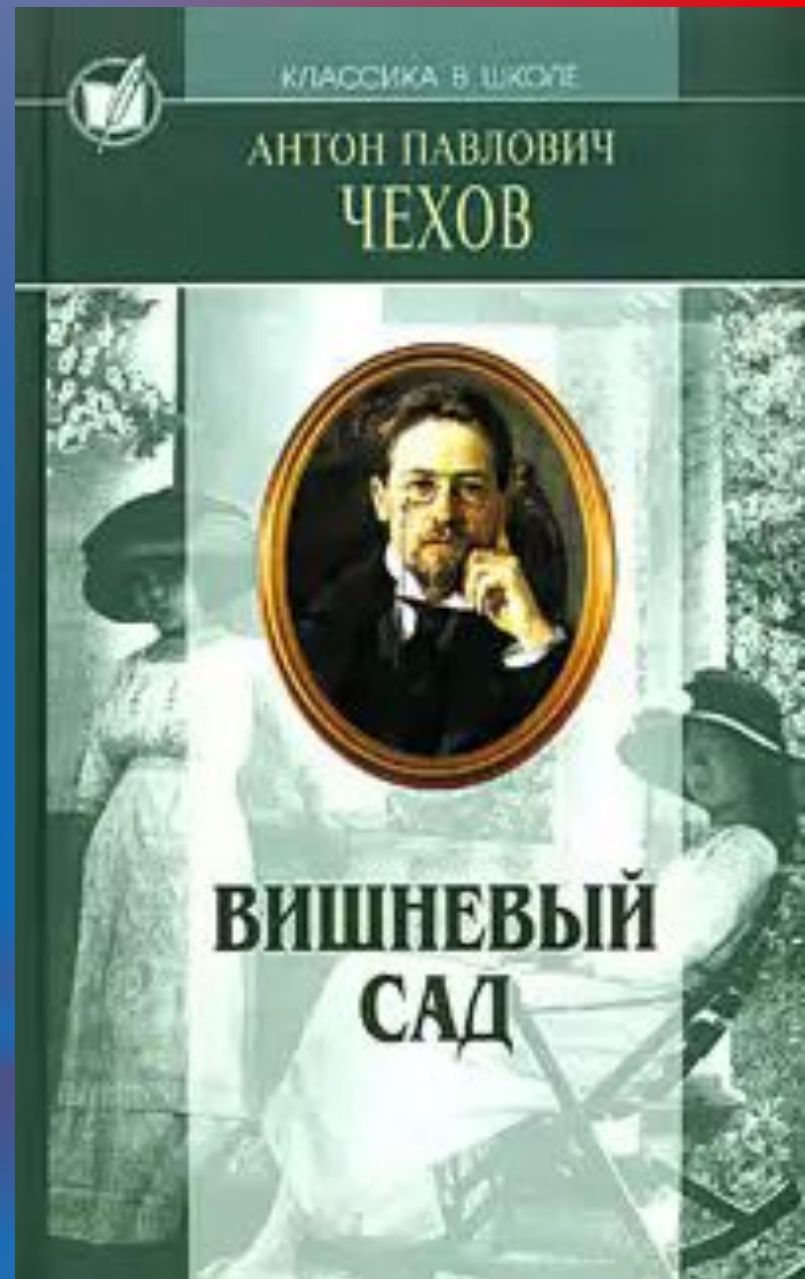
“The Seagull” was successfully performed as the first production of the Moscow Art Theatre in 1898. From then on, Chekhov was closely connected with this theatre and with its founder, K.S.Stanislavsky. In 1901 he married an Art Theatre actress, Olga Knipper, who acted in his play “The Three Sisters” the same year.





Chekhov`s health went from bad to worse and he had to spend the remaining years in the Crimea.

“The Cherry Orchard”, his last play, was produced in 1904. Soon after the first night Chekhov died. He was 44.



Chekhov had an influence on the 20<sup>th</sup>-century drama. Besides, several generations of writers both in Russia and abroad studied and imitated Chekhov to perfect their own literary style.

