

We, the Kids of the EU, believe ...

DISCRIMINATION AND LITERATURE (SLOVENIA)

PREŽIHOV VORANC: POTOLČENI KRAMOH

Author: Lovro Kuhar - Prežihov Voranc



His real name was Lovro Kuhar. He is a Slovenian writer and politician.

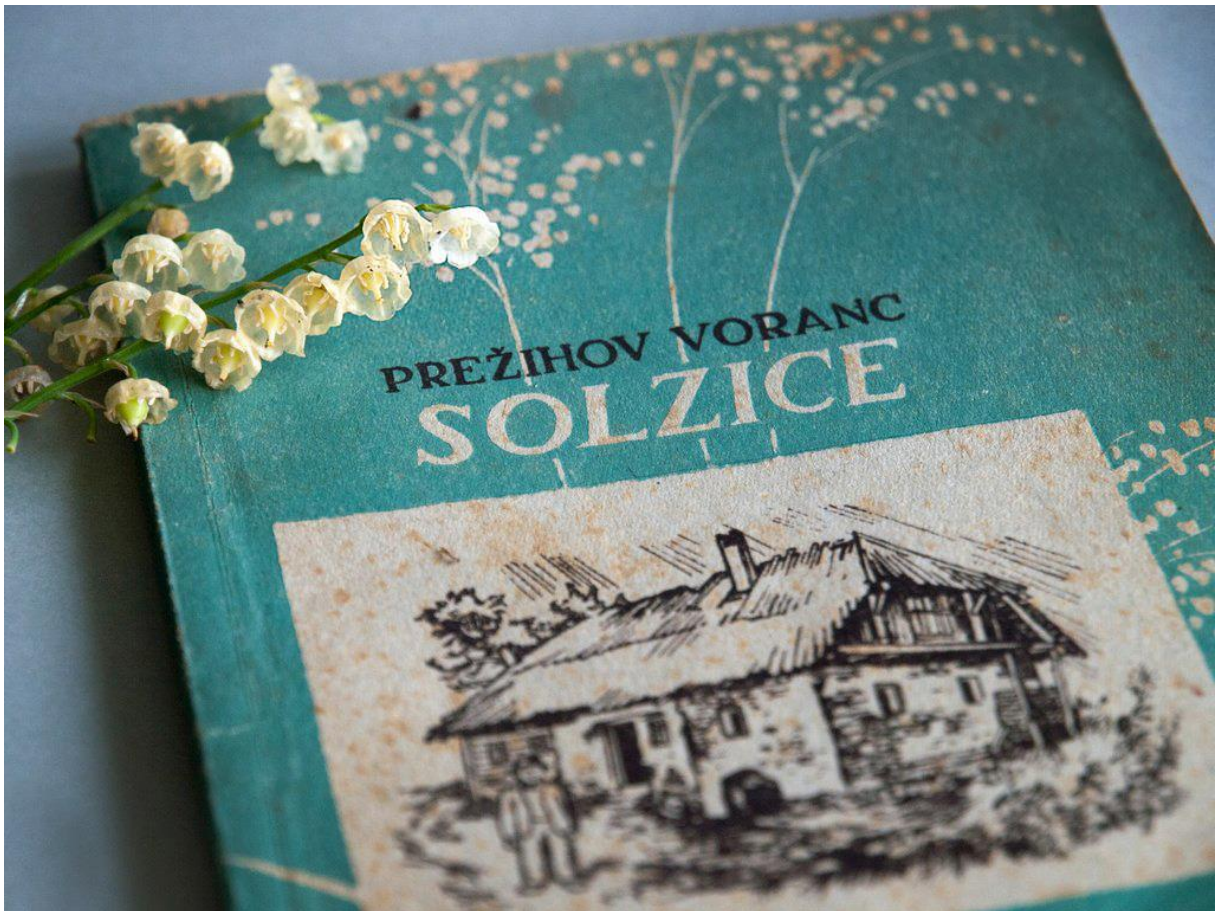
He was born on 10th of August in 1893 in a small village Podgora. He died on 18th of February in 1950 in Maribor. He died at the age of 56.

He won many important awards for his literature including the Prešern award and the Levstik Award. Voranc wrote in the social realistic style, describing everyday lives of simple people, workers and farmers. A lot of his heroes are children. His best works are:

Samorastniki and Solzice. They named a high school and a library after him. He was one of the best Slovenian writers ever.

Brigita in Pina

THE BOOK



STORY – POTOLČENI KRAMOH

The story is written in the perspective of a young boy. He is explaining that in his village people give each other funny, pointless, degrading and embarrassing nicknames that last forever. Your name is even forgotten and they only use the mean nicknames. But he remembers another boy, his age that was short and had white skin, white hair, white eyebrows and white clothes. He had no parents and lived with a rich farmer. His real name was Cencelj but they called him Potolčeni Kramoh. That name had a deeper meaning but nobody really knew what it meant, yet kids still called him that. Cencelj really disliked his 'nickname' and he got mad

every time someone called him by it, so kids were scared of him. One day the two boys were playing and the boy was teasing Cencelj with his assigned nickname. Cencelj started crying and asked the boy why he calls him that like the other kids do. The boy realized he offended Potoičeni Kramoh and was sorry. He apologized and promised not to call him by that name again and they went to join the campers together hand in hand.

I think this story sets an example to victims of bullying and even bullies themselves. Victims must come out with their feelings and confront the bullies with their pain. They both then can see that there doesn't always have to be a rivalry among them and they can make friends as well as stop hatred.

Lea



OUR THOUGHTS

People believe that it's not a big deal if you are insulted by someone. But if it is repeated constantly it is bad. People suffer depression, self-injure or even commit suicide. When I was young I was discriminated because I was overweight but I didn't let it affect me. This, I recommend.

Discrimination can have good or bad effects. It ruins our self-consciousness, a person can become introverted and even depressive. Sometimes, if discrimination is not serious it doesn't cause any damage, a person can ignore it. But I think that it can also have some good effects. Not immediately, but if you are a strong person it can even make you stronger. After some time you can become more self-conscious if you accept yourself. Every bad experience can either »kill« you or make you stronger.

I notice that there are students at school that are lonely and isolated. They don't have a lot of friends. They don't make friends because they think that they are worse than others. They think they are weak, fat, less intelligent... Some students bully those students or call them names. They say it is for fun but such jokes can hurt seriously.

In order to reduce discrimination and racism people should get to know a person better and in the end he/she can even become his/her friend. It was the case some time ago when refugees were coming to Europe and some countries put a wire fence on the borders. Both sides have to participate to make a change, discriminatory ones and discriminated ones.

We should always consider how it would be for us, how we would feel in someone else's situation. What you give is what you get!

VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH TURKEY

Wednesday, 20th December 2017, at 10.30



