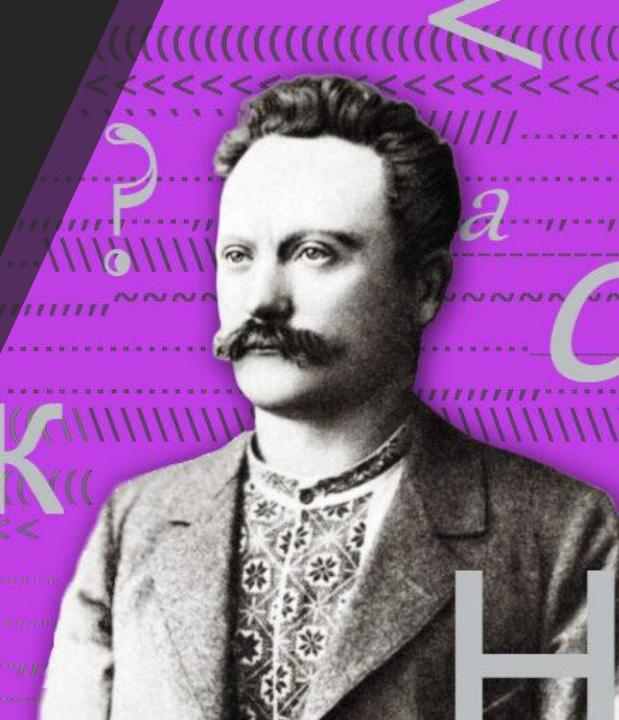# About Ivan Franko
(1856 – 1916)

Ivan Yakovych Franko was a Ukrainian **poet, writer, social and literary critic, journalist, interpreter, doctor of philosophy** and the author of the modern poetry in the Ukrainian language. He was a founder of the nationalist movement in western Ukraine.

He also translated the works of William Shakespeare, Adam Mickiewicz into Ukrainian.

He wrote more than 40 long poems and more than 100 works of prose. In the list of his bestsellers - **Ziv'yale lystya, Zakhar Berkut, Boryslav smiyetsya.**

Five interesting facts about Ivan Franko:

1. He wrote more than 6,000 works.

2. Ivan Franko is the only Ukrainian poet who was nominated for the Nobel Prize.

3. The poet had a unique memory and knew 14 European languages.

4. The last seven years of his life he wrote with left hand, because his right hand was paralyzed.

5. Contemporaries called Ivan Franco "an academy in one person."