



How did Ivan Bunin win the Nobel prize in literature and where did he spend the wealth he won?

Short biography

IVAN BUNIN WAS A POET, PROSE WRITER AND TRANSLATOR. HE WAS THE FIRST RUSSIAN WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE. HE SPENT MANY YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN EXILE, BECOMING ONE OF THE MAIN WRITERS OF THE RUSSIAN ABROAD. BUNIN WROTE HIS FIRST POEMS AT THE AGE OF 17, IMITATING PUSHKIN AND LERMONTOV, WHOSE WORK HE ADMIRED. THEY APPEARED IN THE COLLECTION "POEMS".



Nobel prize

- ▶ It became known that the writer Ivan Bunin became the first Russian writer to be awarded the Nobel prize in 10 November 1933. Bunin's nomination was promoted by the novelist Mark Aldanov. The first time the candidate of Ivan Bunin Committee did not choose the honorary award the writer received only ten years later. Bunin received news of the award while at the cinema. His wife Vera Muromtseva took the call from Stockholm. The official report of the Nobel Committee says: "the Decision of the Swedish Academy awarded the Nobel prize in literature to Ivan Bunin for the strict artistic talent with which he recreated in literary prose a typical Russian character." Many literary critics and Bunin himself believe that in fact the prize was awarded for the novel "the Life of Arsenyev", which was published in Paris in 1930. The novel has so many intersections with the fate of the writer himself that many call it the autobiography of Ivan Bunin. Ivan Bunin received the Nobel prize on December 10, 1933 from the hands of king Gustav of Sweden .



Bunin's Wealth

- ▶ Ivan Bunin quickly squandered his wealth. He began to receive letters from Russian emigrants with requests for financial assistance, which the writer without further questions provided. He quickly spent 120,000 crowns on donations and lavish feasts, and the rest was invested in some "win-win business".

