

# **Sergoy Yesenin** **(Esenin)**

(03.10.1895 - 27.12.1925)

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# Early life

- Sergey Yesenin was born on 3 October 1895 in the Ryazan Province. He didn't spend much time with his parents and he was substantially brought up by his grandparents. Yesenin began to compose poetry when he was nine.
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- In 1912 he moved to Moscow and found a job. At first Yesenin worked in a bookshop and then in the printing establishment. A year later he entered Moscow State University and attended there for eighteen months. Russian folklore affected Yesenin's early poetry. In 1915, a young poet moved to St. Petersburg and met Andrei Bely, Alexander Blok, Nikolai Klyuev and Sergey Gorodetsky there.



# Career and personal life

- The first Yesenin's book was published in 1916. It was called Radunitsa. Yesenin became one of the most famous poets in those days for his touching poetry about simple life and love. In 1913 he married Anna Izryadnova . They had a son.
- In 1916 he was drafted into the army till 1917.
- In 1917 he married Zinaida Raikh who was an actress. They had 2 children, Tatyana and Konstantin. Subsequently Sergey and Zinaida fell out and did not live together. In 1921 they divorced. Their son became a prominent soccer statistician and Tatyana became a writer.



- In September 1918, Yesenin founded his own publishing house called "Трудовая Артель Художников Слова".
- In 1921 he made the acquaintance of Isadora Duncan who was a dancer, eighteen years his senior. She did not speak Russian and Sergey did not know foreign languages.
- Yesenin also had a son by Nadezhda Volpin that year. She was a poet. His son, Alexander Esenin-Volpin, became a poet too. Afterwards he left the USSR and became a mathematician in the USA. Sergey Yesenin did not know him.



# Later years and death

- The last 2 years Yesenin was addicted to drink but at the same time he wrote some of his best poems. In 1925 he married Sophia Andreyevna Tolstaya who was a granddaughter of Leo Tolstoy. She was his fifth wife. She tried to help him jolt out of his depression.
  - His last poem was written in his own blood. The next day Yesenin hanged himself in the Hotel Angleterre at the age of thirty. Yesenin was buried in Moscow's Vagankovskoye Cemetery.
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