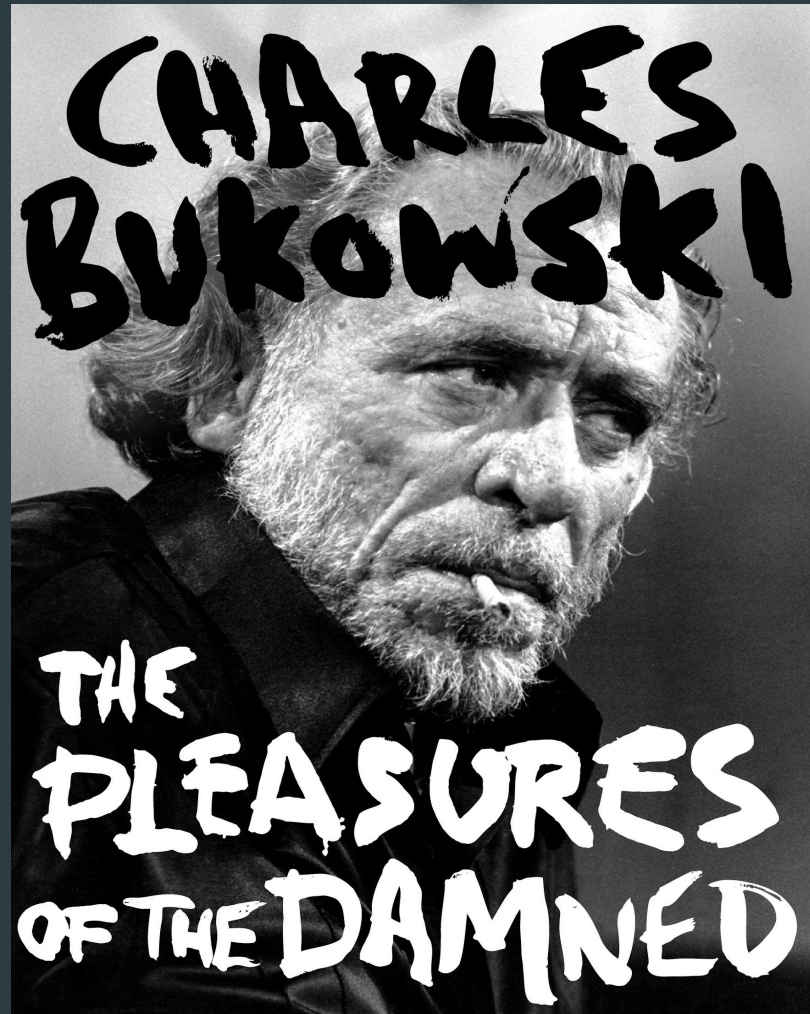


Charles Bukowski



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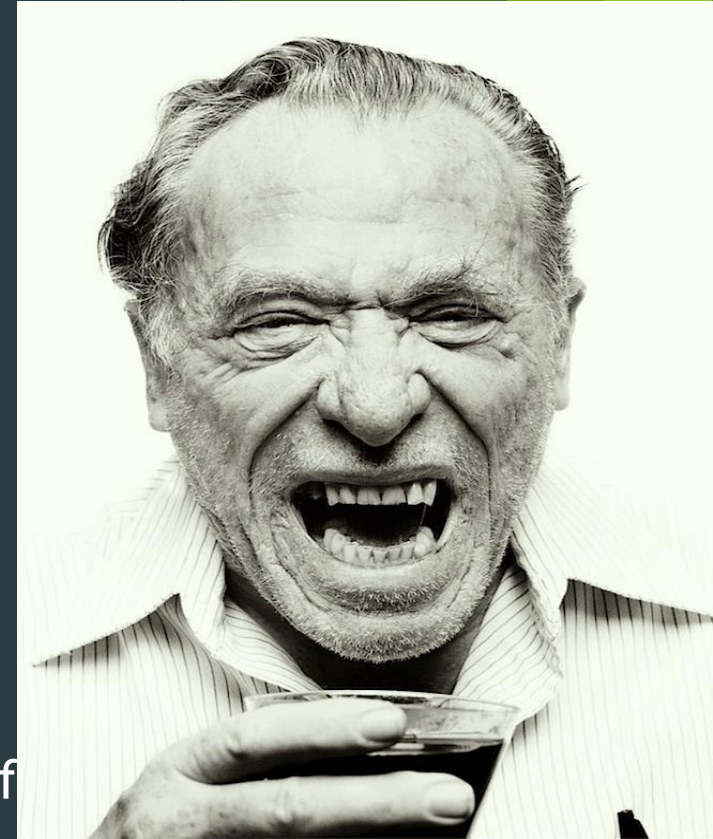
“Some people never go crazy, What truly horrible lives they must live.”



Introduction

“If you’re loosing your soul and know it, then you’ve still got a soul left to lose.”

- ▶ Henry Charles Bukowski was a German-born American poet, novelist and short story writer.
- ▶ His literary movement is Dirty realism, Transgressive fiction.
- ▶ Bukowski’s writing was influenced by the social, cultural, and economic ambience of his home city of Los Angeles.
- ▶ His work addresses the ordinary lives of poor Americans, the act of writing, alcohol, relationships with women, and drudgery of work.



Biography of Charles Bukowski

- ▶ Henry Charles Bukowski was born in Germany, on August 16, 1920.
- ▶ In 1923 his family moved to the United States, in 1930-Los Angeles.
- ▶ At age 13, Bukowski was introduced to alcohol.
- ▶ In 1939 Bukowski began attending LACC, dropping it out in 1941. Moved to New York to become a writer.
- ▶ On July 22, 1944, Bukowski was arrested by FBI on suspicion of draft evasion.
- ▶ In 1955 he was treated for a near-fatal bleeding ulcer. Bukowski began to write poetry.

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In 1969, Bukowski accepted an offer from Black Sparrow Press publisher John Martin, quit his post office job and dedicate himself to full-time writing.

"I have one of two choices-stay in the post office and go crazy...or stay out here and play at writer and starve, I have decided to starve.

Bukowski died of leukemia on March 9, 1994, aged 74, after completing his last novel, Pulp.

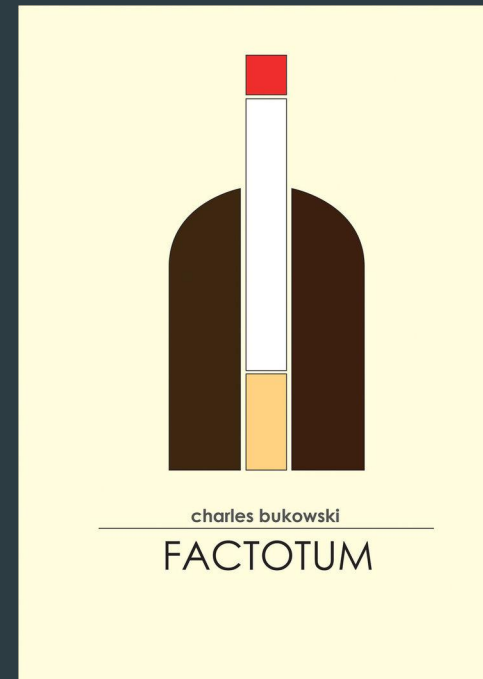
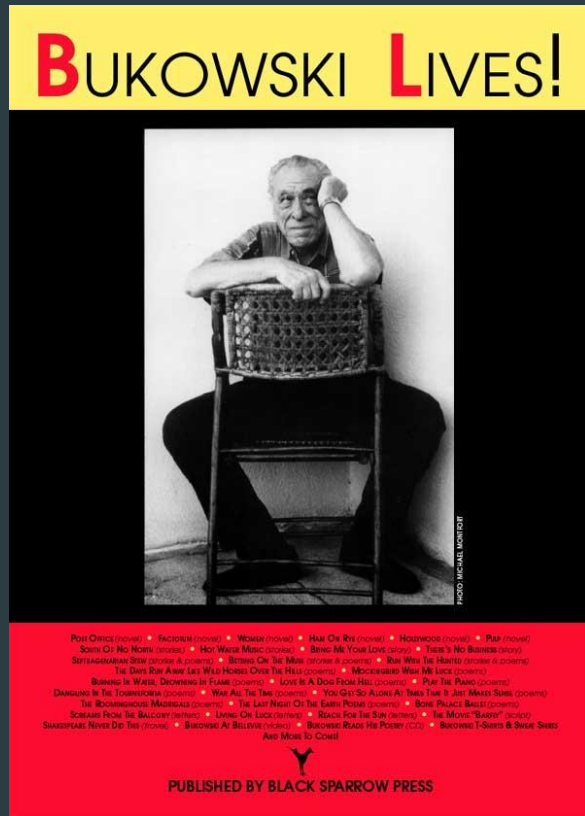
His gravestone reads: "Don't try", phrase from his poem.



“Genius might be the ability to say a profound thing in a simple way.”

- ▶ In 1986 Time called Bukowski a “laureate of American lowlife”.
- ▶ Adam Kirch of The New Yorker wrote, “the secret of Bukowski’s appeal...he combines the confessional poet’s promise of intimacy with the larger-than-life aplomb of a pulp-fiction hero.”
- ▶ Bukowski wrote thousands of poems, hundreds of short stories, six novels, published over 60 books.

“What matters most is how you walk through the fire.”



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