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# Literature Prize 2018 and 2019

Olga Tokarczuk and Peter Handke

# The Nobel Prize in Literature

"the person who shall have produced in the field of literature the most outstanding work in an ideal direction".



## Who is rewarded with the Literature Prize?



The Nobel Prize in Literature has mainly been awarded to authors who have written works of fiction – novels, short stories, poetry collections and theatrical plays.

# Nobel Prizes for two years were announced

In 2019 the Swedish Academy announced the Nobel Prizes in Literature for both 2018 and 2019.



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## The 2018 Nobel Laureate



Olga Tokarczuk  
Born: 1962, Poland

"for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life."

## Voracious reader, psychologist and writer



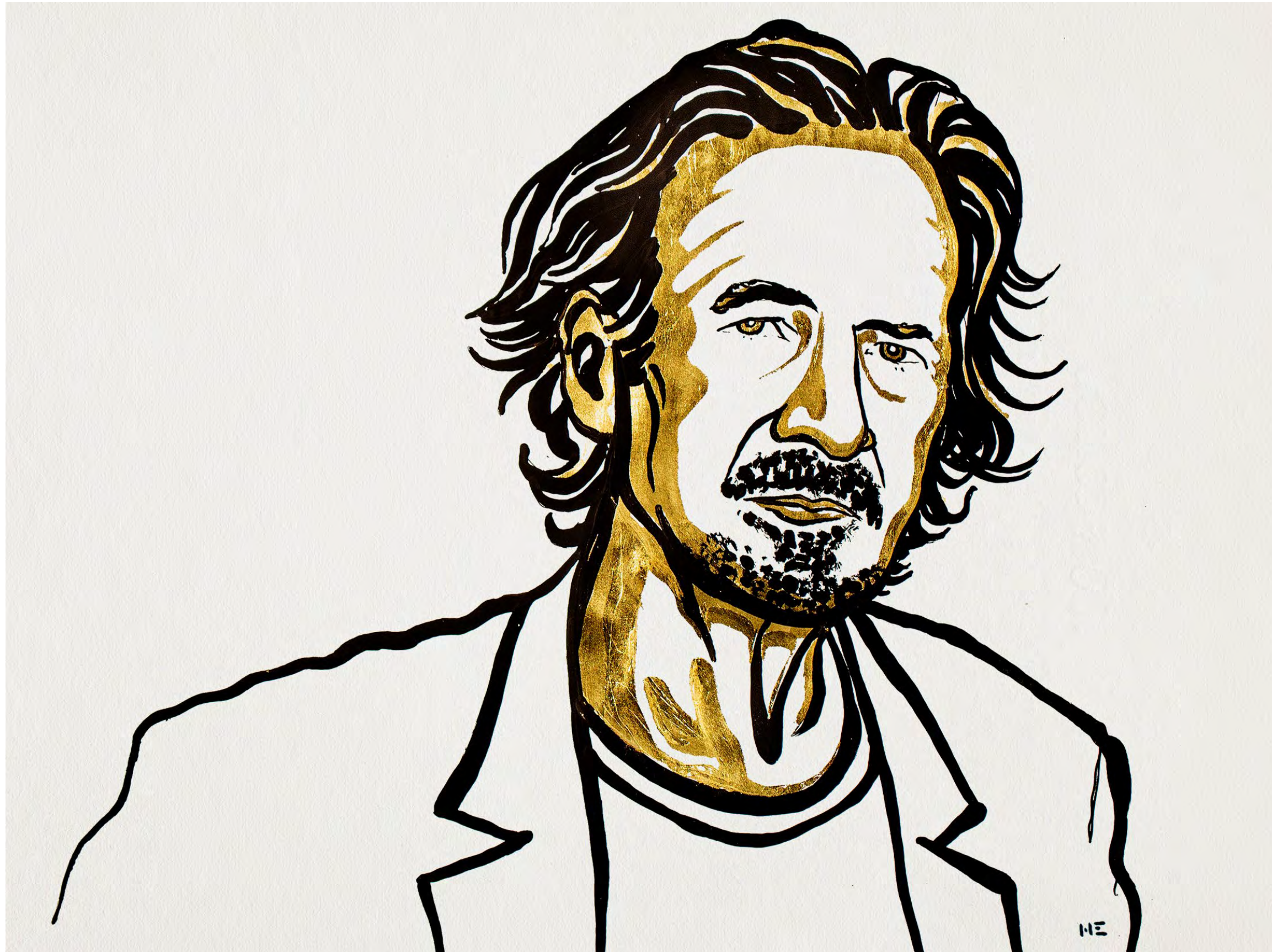
Olga Tokarczuk became interested in literature at an early age. In her homeland, she is an acclaimed writer today – but is also controversial.

## Viewing the world from above



Olga Tokarczuk is inspired by maps. In some of her stories, places are almost like main characters.

# The 2019 Nobel Laureate



Peter Handke  
Born: 1942, Austria

"for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience."



## A long and varied literary career



Peter Handke was born in Austria during the Second World War. Today he has lived in France for many years.

## Discovering the world in new ways



Peter Handke's works are often about remembering the dead – but also about rediscovering the world.

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Nobel Prize Lessons