

Famous Polish female figures

Nobel Prize laureates

Julia Gorajek, Martyna Porszke and Helena Pysch

Polish women who won the Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in the world. Only three women from Poland have won it in different fields so far.

- Maria Skłodowska-Curie (1903,1911)
- Wisława Szymborska (1996)
- Olga Tokarczuk (2018)

Maria Skłodowska-Curie

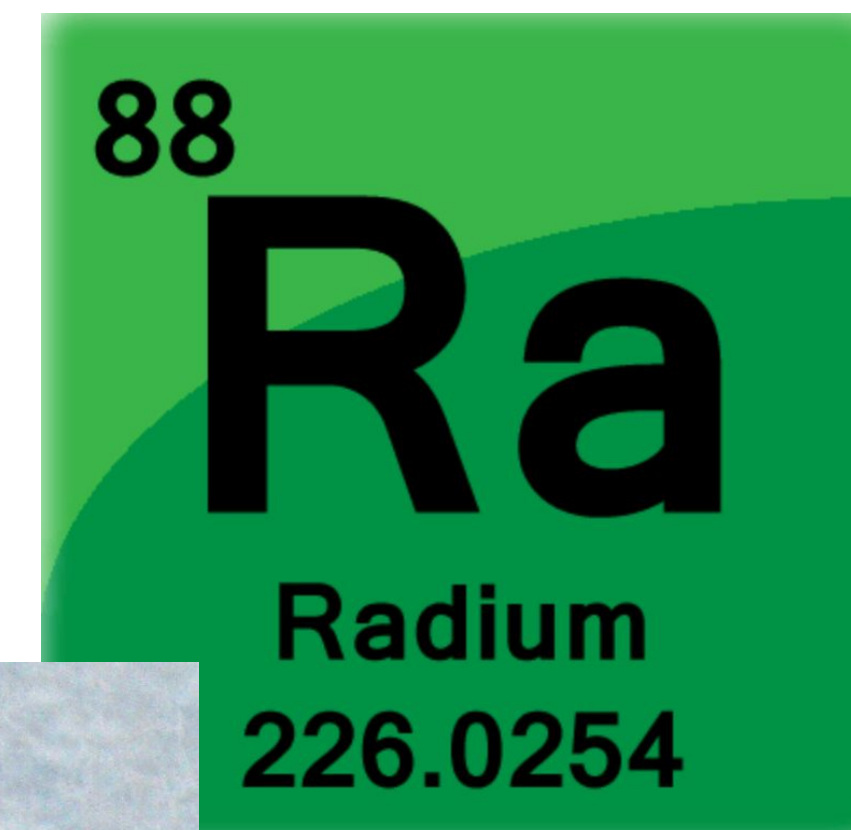
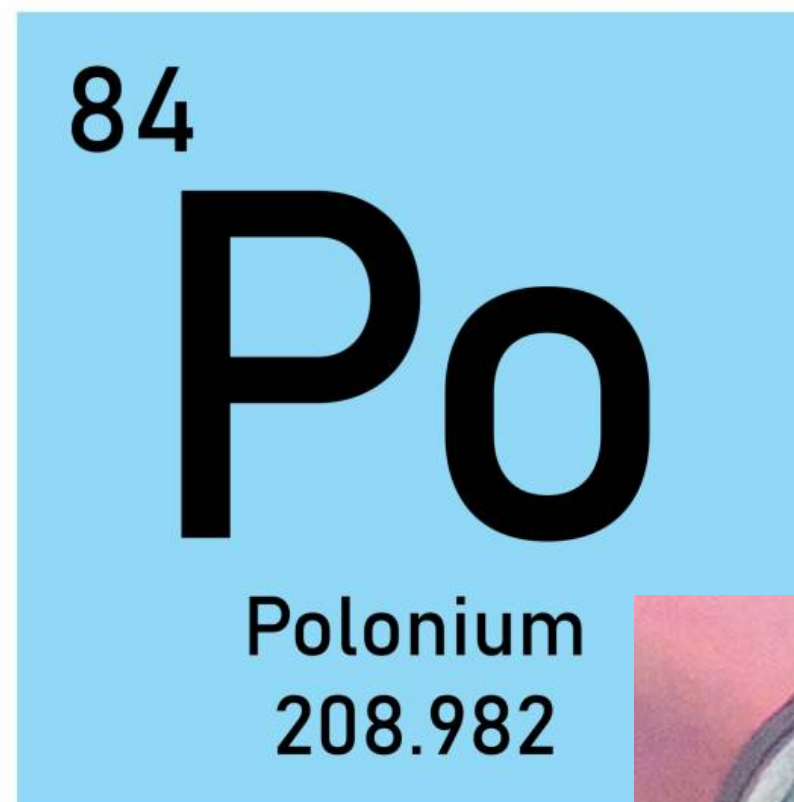
She was born in Warsaw on 7th November 1867. She was a physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She became a professor at the University of Paris. In 1895 she married Pierre Curie and started working on radioactivity with him.



Nobel Prize

Maria Skłodowska-Curie

Maria Skłodowska-Curie was the first female Nobel Prize winner and the first and the only person to win a Nobel Prize twice in two different categories. In 1903 she, her husband and Henri Becquerel won the Nobel Prize in Physics for developing the theory of radioactivity. She was also awarded the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for discovering elements polonium and radium.



Wisława Szymborska

Wisława Szymborska-Włodek was a Polish poet, essayist and translator.

Szymborska was born in Prowent. She died 1 February 2012 at home in Kraków from natural causes, aged 88.



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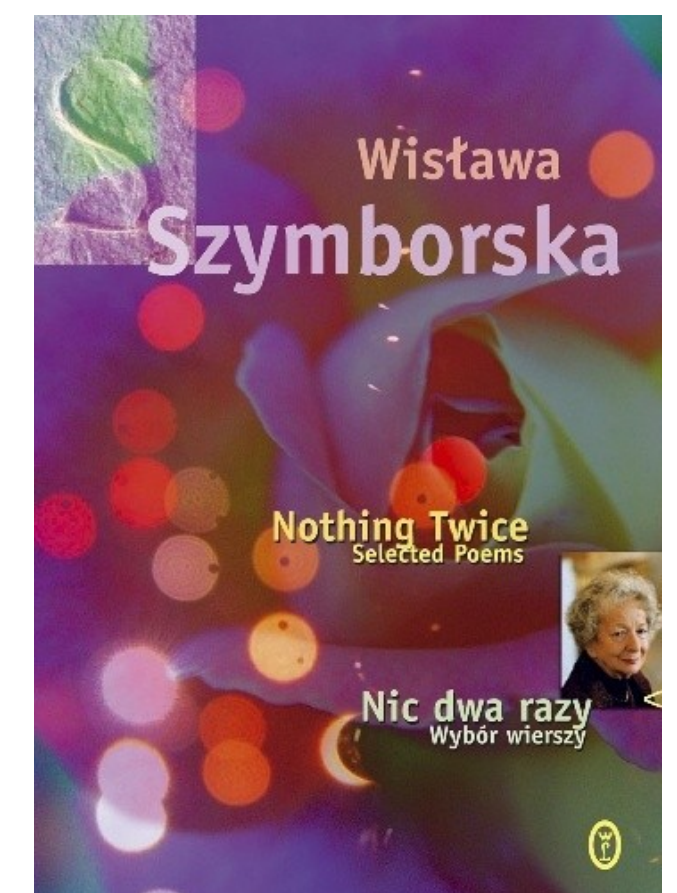
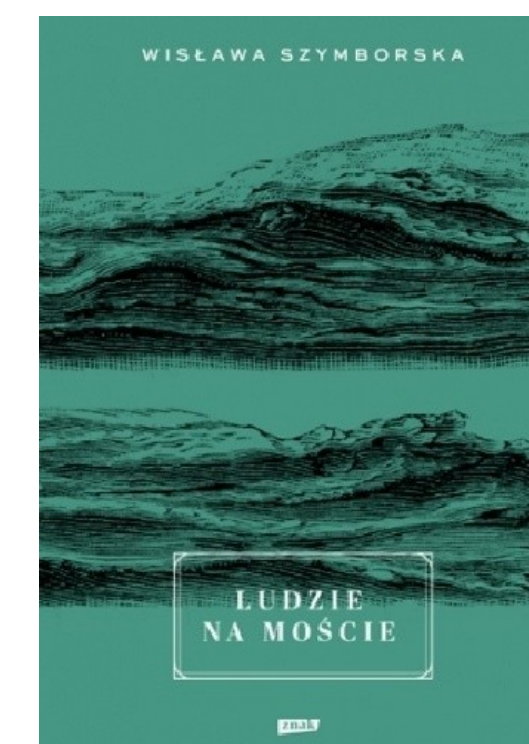
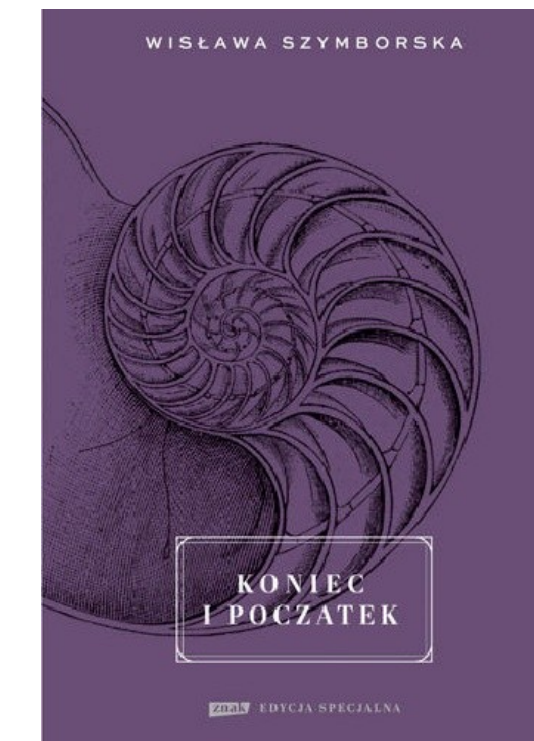
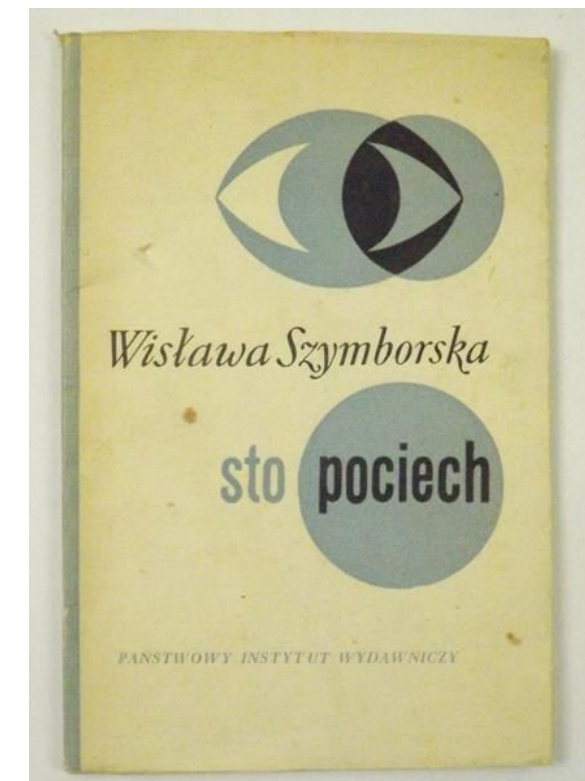
Wisława Szymborska won the Nobel Prize in Literature. It was presented in Stockholm on December 9, 1996. The Nobel Committee in the justification of the award of the poet wrote: „for poetry which allows the historical and biological context to appear in fragments of human reality with ironic precision”.

She is also a laureate of many other awards. For example:

- Goethe Prize (1991)
- Herder Prize (1995)
- Order of the White Eagle (2011)

Major works:

- Sól („Salt”)
- Sto pociech („No End of Fun”)
- Wielka liczba („A Large Number”)



Olga Tokarczuk

Olga Tokarczuk is a Polish writer, screenwriter, activist and psychologist. She was born on January 29, 1962. She is particularly noted for the mythical tone of her writing. She studied psychology at the University of Warsaw.



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Olga Tokarczuk

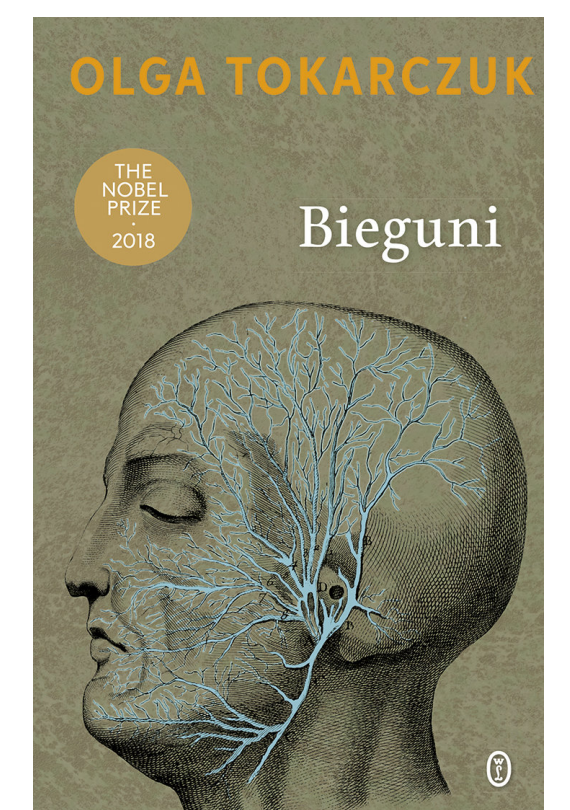
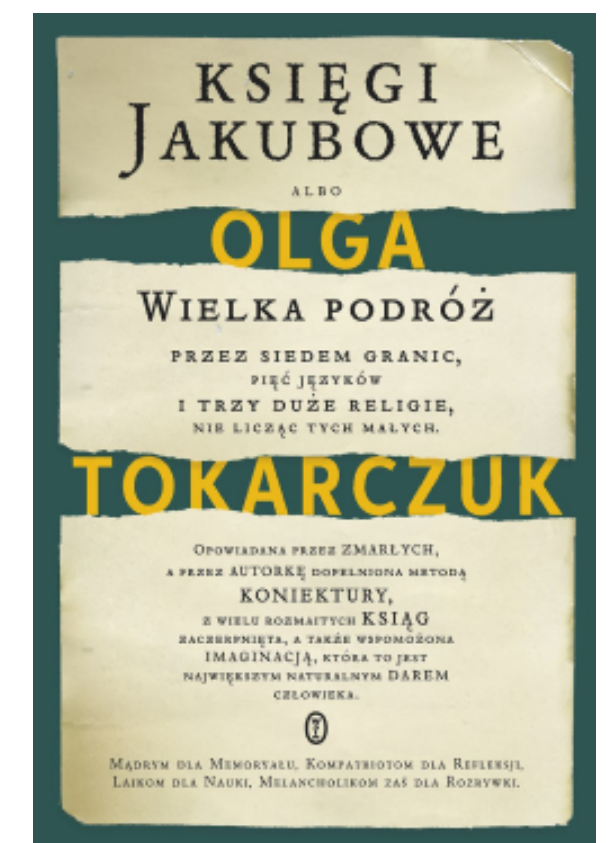
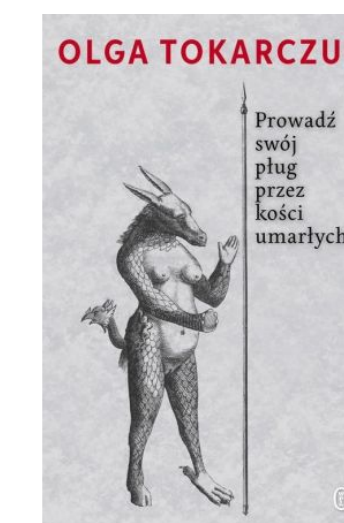
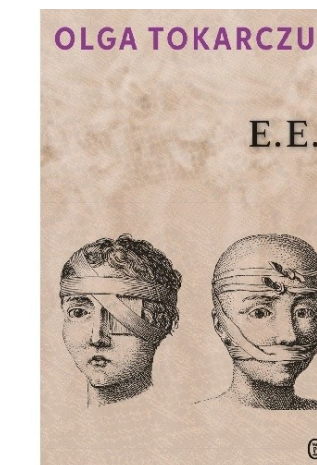
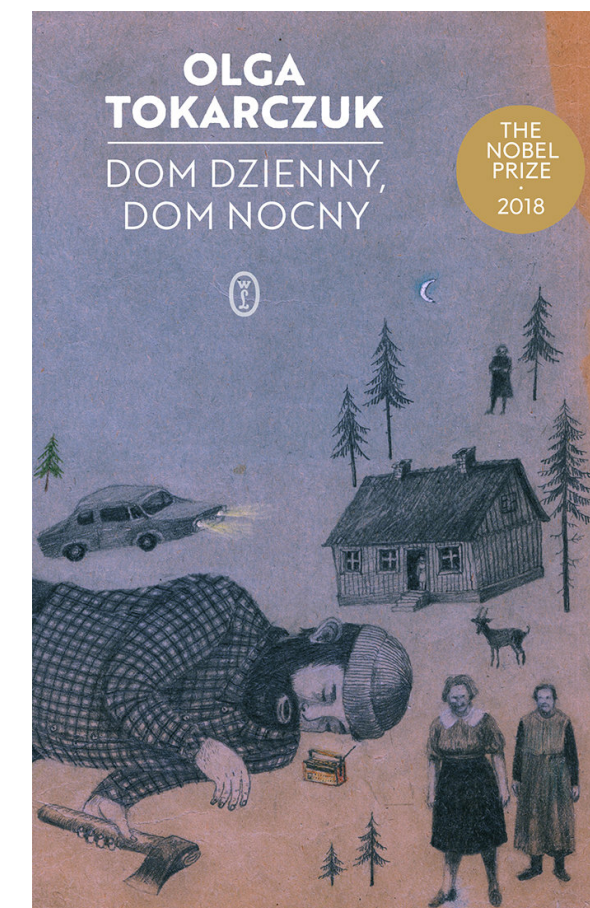
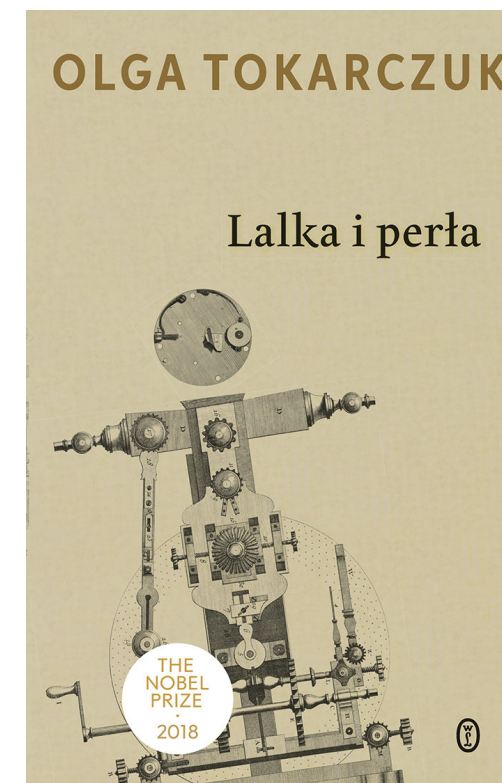
Olga Tokarczuk in 2019 was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Literature. She received the award for a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life

Olga Tokarczuk is also a laureate of many other awards. For example:

- She won the Man Booker International Prize for “Bieguni”
- She won the Nike Award, the most important Polish literary accolade for the novels: “Bieguni” and “Księgi Jakubowe”
- She was awarded the Vilenica Prize

The most important works:

- Prawiek i inne czasy Primeval and Other Times
- Dom dzienny, dom nocny House of Day, House of Night
- Bieguni Flights



**Every of these women is absolutely special.
All of them gave something to the today's
world. Their work is really remarkable and
they definitely deserve what they achieved.**

Thank you for your attention!