

## **Anna Sokhrina and Her Short Stories**

Anna Sokhrina was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia. She graduated from the Department of Journalism of St. Petersburg University. Although quite young, she started publishing her stories in popular St. Petersburg magazines, like "Aurora" and "Star" as well as in numerous anthologies. Victoria Tokareva wrote the preface to her first collection of short stories. This was not surprising because the style and attitude of both writers has much in common - humor, aphoristic phrases, and a specific heat of intonation.

In 1994, Anna and her family emigrated to Germany. Here she continued her literary work. In 1996, she published the novel "My Emigration," which gained a wide readership, was reprinted in different countries, and translated into several languages. In 1999, the St. Petersburg publishing house "Limbus Press" published her new book, "The Chance of Happiness." In 2000, for the short story "The Road to the Dead Sea," the writer received a literary prize at the "Golden Lyre of Hope" contest, organized by the Alexander Pushkin Literary Museum in New York and by a number of U.S. universities. This story gave its name to a new book, published in St. Petersburg in 2003. At the same time, the Berlin publishing house «Oberbaum-Verlag» translated and published a collection of her prose in German. In subsequent years, Anna's stories were heard in German on such popular radio stations as Baurisches Rundfunk, NDR, Radiokultur-Berlin, and appeared in print editions for Russian-speaking readers in Germany, Austria, America, and Israel.

In 2010 Anna released her new book, "Five Days of Love."

According to the writer Dina Rubina, “the stories and novels of Anne Sokhrina give birth to an amazing feeling of comfort, kindness, and gentle humor that is rarely found in the works of contemporary writers. They are addressed to the intelligent and sensitive reader...”

In this on-line publication, we offer translations of a few of **Anna Sokhrina's** stories, some very new that have never been published. The translations were made by students **Julia Embody, Julia Grip, Valenentina Kozina, Katie Krasnikova, Dima Ivanyuk, Anton Kuznetsov, Aline Naroditsky, Anton Razanav, Abby Volynsky,** and **Samuel Zbarsky** of **Dr. Naum Kats' class “82399 – Special Topics in Russia”** and edited by students **Sophie Wirt** and **Von Wise** (Department of English).