



Alexander Zorich

Alexander Zorich is the pen-name of modern Russian writer-duet Dmitry Gordevsky and Yana Botsman. They both were born in 1973 in Kharkov (former USSR, now – Ukraine). Each of them has two university degrees: in mathematics and in philosophy. Both of them are Doctors of Philosophy, they finished the post-graduate study at the Kharkovsky National University in 2004, at the university they taught history and military history of ancient civilizations: such as Ancient Rome, Greece, Egypt, Macedonia. At the moment Yana and Dmitry are committed to their literature work.

The writer-duet appeared for the first time in 1997 with the novel in epic fantasy style “The Sign of Destruction”. In 1997-1999 “The Seed of Wind”, “The Ways of Starborne”, “Love and Rule”, “You won”, “Love battle machine” and “Lightful Time of Night” followed.

The following books were written by Alexander Zorich as well: techno-thriller “Season of Arms”, historical dilogy about the last Burgundian Duke Carl the Brave (“Carl the Duke”, “Top-Sword of Burgundy”, war-fantasy dramas “Council of Commonwealth, “Tomorrow – War”, “No Merci”, “Moscow time!”).

All the books were reprinted 2-3 three times in Russia. Nowadays the works of Zorich are being translated into Polish. In 2004 a collection of stories of various times has been published “Nothing saint”.

Alexander Zorich is a prize winner of Russian literature awards “Portal 2004”, “Bastcon 2005”, “Zvezdny Most 2005” (Star Bridge), his books were honored with the titles “Best fiction novel 2001” according to the dairy “Knizhnoe obozrenie” (“Book review”, Moscow) and “Best adventure novel 2004” according to the “Russian Newsweek” (Moscow).

Yana’s and Dmitry’s interests are riding and equestrian, ballet, military history of XX century, history of science and engineering, history of Ancient and Middle Ages.

In 2004 Alexander Zorich became the script writer and historical consultant for the game “Soldiers: Heroes of War”, based on the real episodes of WWII. In 2005 he wrote the script for the PC game “Tomorrow is War” (based on the namesake trilogy) and “Faces of War”.

Alexander Zorich is the developer and chief editor of the military-historical web-site X Legio www.xlegio.ru, one of the most popular historical resources of Russian web.