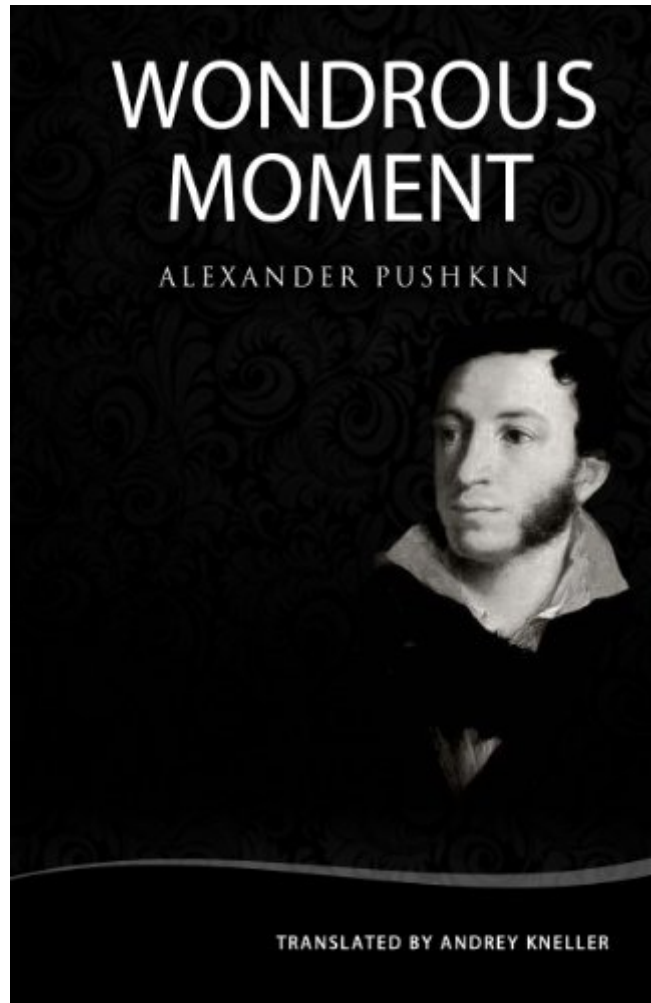


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The quality of translation is amazing. The spirit of Pushkin's poetry (I am a native Russian speaker) is rendered with surprising accuracy, and so is the melody of the verses.

The problem with translating Pushkin, any Russian will tell you, is that he is a very musical poet and

most English translations lose the music by being too literal. Not so this collection, whose poems sing and fly with a distinctive 19th century flavor. I don't speak Russian but I am a poet and I recognize the artistry of the work here. The translator is fluent in rhyme and the poems are clear and well rendered. I will leave it for Russian scholars to determine the accuracy of the words.

I absolutely love reading Russian poetry and studying the history thereof. Alexander Pushkin is no doubt an awesome poet, and of course one of my all time favorite. The problem that I face is that I don't speak (or consequently read) Russian, and so I therefore am very reliant on a good translator, and a creative one as well: Andrey Kneller is hands down both. His transliterations are creative, beautiful, concise, and beyond reproach! If you're an English speaker as I am, yet love Russian poetry, or want to read and learn about Russian poetry, I absolutely recommend you to pick up Andrey Kneller's translations!

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