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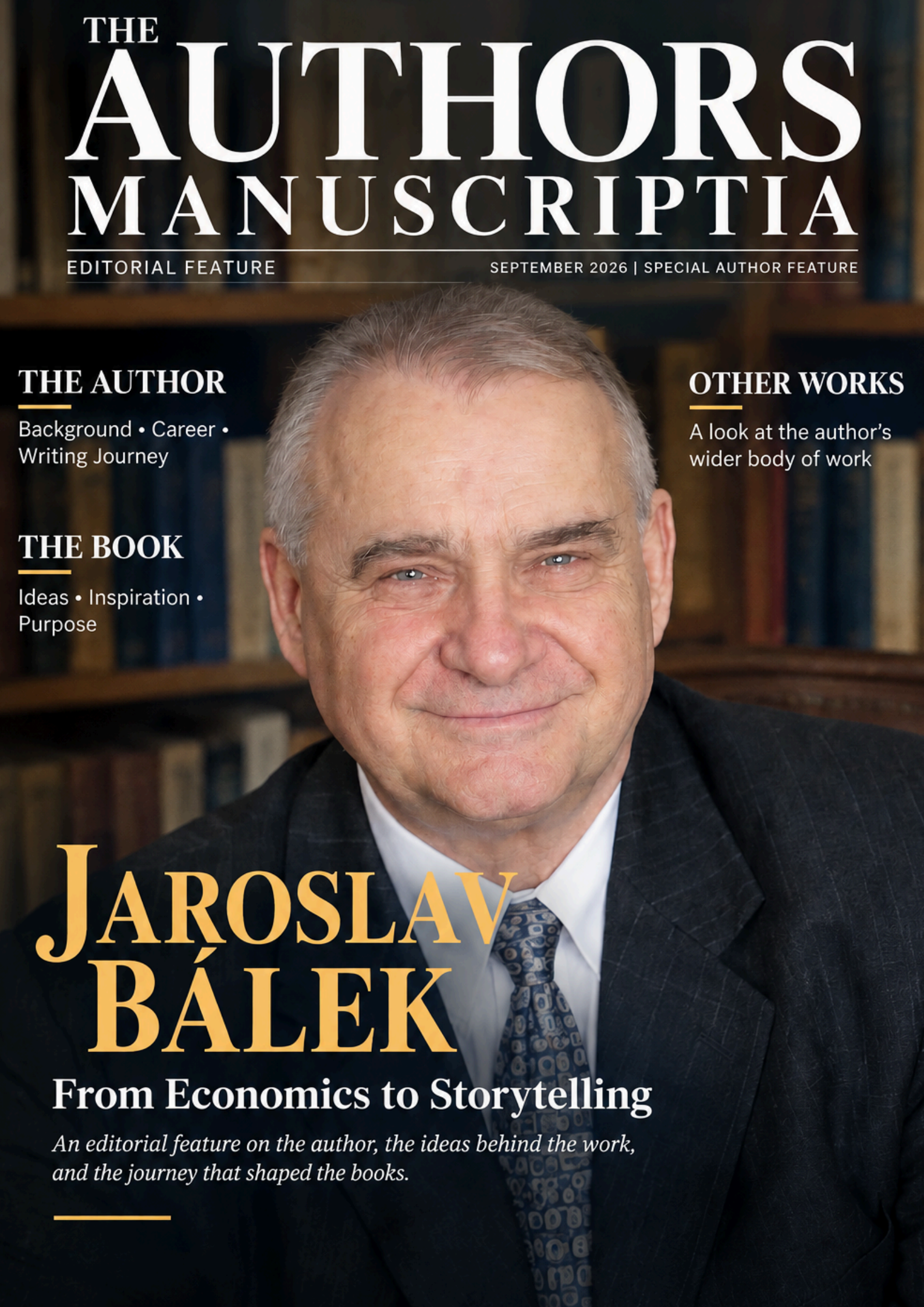
Background • Career •
Writing Journey

OTHER WORKS

A look at the author's
wider body of work

THE BOOK

Ideas • Inspiration •
Purpose

A portrait of Jaroslav Bálek, a middle-aged man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred bookshelf filled with books.

JAROSLAV BÁLEK

From Economics to Storytelling

*An editorial feature on the author, the ideas behind the work,
and the journey that shaped the books.*

THE AUTHOR

A life of Experience,Ideas and Creative Work



“ Although I am an economist by profession and have written a total of 15 books, none of them have been about economics.

IDEAS & INFLUENCES

Bálek’s work is shaped by his personal experiences, the people he has met, and the many historical and political events he has witnessed. His interests range from economics and politics to history, humor, and the complexities of human relationships.

PURPOSE & PERSPECTIVE

Through his writing, Bálek aims to entertain, provoke thought and bring to life the people and situations that shape our world. He believes that even serious topics can be explored with humor, and that stories, whether factual, fictional or poetic, can help us see life from a different perspective.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jaroslav Bálek is a writer with a diverse body of work spanning humor, poetry, detective stories, politics and history. Over the years, he has written 15 books, exploring a wide range of topics and themes. His work reflects a curious mind, a sharp sense of observation and a deep interest in the people, events and ideas that shape our world.

EARLY LIFE & BACKGROUND

Jaroslav Bálek was born in Prague, in a country then known as Czechoslovakia, now the Czech Republic. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Economics in Prague and also from the University of Economics in Bratislava. His early writings were articles for economic journals, driven partly by his doctoral studies and partly by his work at the State Planning Commission.

PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

Initially, he focused on economics, with his first book intended to be an economic work. However, political changes and shifting views on economic policy prevented its publication. He continued to write articles and, over time, moved into other forms of writing, drawing on his experiences and observations from daily life.

THE WRITING JOURNEY

Bálek’s writing journey took an unexpected turn when he began attending dances and social events in Prague to meet new people. The colorful characters and amusing experiences he encountered there inspired his first humorous book, All My Dancing Seasons, followed by Dana. His real-life encounters also led him to write a three-act comedy and, later, a series of poetry collections.

AUTHOR AT A GLANCE

Name:	Jaroslav Bálek
Profession:	Writer
Area of expertise:	Economics (by profession), plus-humor, poetry, detective stories, politics and history
Number of books:	15
Main subjects:	Humor, poetry, politics, history, relationships
Notable works:	Date, Dana, Murder in the Garden, Coward, Politics in Theory and Practice, I Lived in the 20th Century, Is History Repeating Itself?
Other information:	Based in Prague (Czech Republic); currently working on an economics book and another humorous work.

THE BOOK

Inside the Work: Ideas, Inspiration and Purpose



The cover of Date, a three act comedy by Jaroslav Bálek

DATE

By Jaroslav Bálek

ABOUT THE BOOK

Date is a sharp, witty three-act comedy that explores the unpredictable world of modern relationships. It looks at how first impressions can be misleading, how intentions often clash, and how nothing ever goes quite as planned.

When men and women come together in search of connection, the results can be surprising, humorous, and sometimes completely unexpected.

THE STORY BEHIND THE BOOK

The idea for Date grew from the author's own experiences attending dances and meeting a wide range of interesting and original people in Prague. What began as a search for a life partner turned into a collection of memorable encounters, funny, unexpected and full of character.

The author decided to capture these experiences in a three act comedy, so that the people and moments would not be forgotten.

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What starts as a simple date... can quickly spiral into something completely unexpected.

— JAROSLAV BÁLEK

KEY THEMES



RELATIONSHIPS

The highs and lows of modern dating and the search for real connection.



HUMOR

Funny misunderstandings, unexpected situations and memorable characters.



CHARACTER

Distinctive and original personalities who make the story come alive.



LIFE'S TWISTS

How quickly things can change, and how nothing ever goes as planned.

OTHER WORKS BY JAROSLAV BÁLEK

- Murder in the Garden
- Coward (Politics and History)
- Dana (Single men and women with humor)
- Politics in theory and practice (Politics and History)
- The Fate of Soldier Havlík or we fought under Husák (Humor and 20th century history)
- Absurdities (Humor and 20th century history)
- Trouble... (Humor and 20th century history)
- I lived in the 20th century (Politics and History)
- Is history repeating itself? (Politics and History)
- In the pub: Collection of poems
- And meet a woman...: Collection of poems (Single men and women with humor Book 3)
- The Beauty of Women for Middle-Aged and Older Men: Collection of poems (Single men and women with humor Book 4)

THANK YOU FOR READING

Your time and interest mean a great deal. Thank you for exploring the author's story, the ideas behind the work, and the books that bring these experiences to life.



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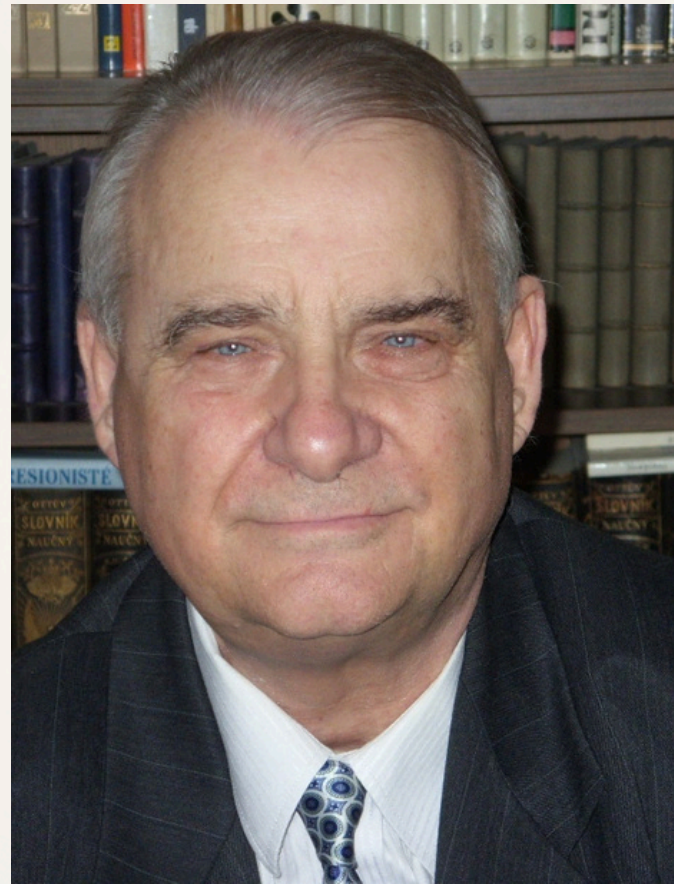
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