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WRITER, EDUCATOR,  
UA-RU TRANSLATOR

## ABOUT ME

Awarded writer under the pseudonym Tony Twist, Scriptwriter, Ukrainian-Russian translator for fictional texts and poetry, and experienced creative writing educator. I'm a dedicated author, who can tell your story within the given deadlines. My speciality is fiction prose for adults and youth.

## RECENT EXPERIENCE

### Writer Jan 2014 to present

Freelance

The writer under the pseudonym Tony Twist, with over 60 publications in Ukraine and abroad (Bulgaria, USA, etc) and experience in writing fiction and poetry, as well as magazine articles and academic writing. [List of publication and awards](#)

### Radio Script Writer Jan 2021 to Jan 2022

Freelance

Writing original mystery radio scripts for customers. One of my stories is published as an episode of audio series collection "Shards of Darkness".

### Columnist Jun 2019 to Jan 2020

["Odnoklasnyk" teen magazine](#)

Writing the monthly column about literature and judging the writings as member of Jury in Literature Contests by the oldest teen magazine "Odnoklasnik", Kyiv, Ukraine

### Educator and Co-Founder 2015 to present

[Lucky Academy](#)

Creating original educational programs and methodology, teaching creative writing to adults and children 10-16 years old.

### Lecturer and Storytelling Consultant Jan 2015 - Present

Many companies: [LiteratureCamp Online](#), [Happiness HUB](#), others

## VOLUNTEER

### Online Ukrainian & Literature Teacher

["Lyzeum 2"](#), Munich, Germany

March 2022 to present

## EXPERTISE

Creative Writing & Scriptwriting

UA-RU-UA Translation

Storytelling Consultancy

Teaching and Methodology

## AWARDS

### Laureate in Young Adult Prose

the IX International Literary Competition for Children and Youth 'Korneichuk Prize'

Odessa, Ukraine, 2021

### Laureate

the IX international competition of short prose 'ZeitGlas - 2019'

Kaniv, Ukraine, 2019

### Longlist

the Literary Competition for the Anna Akhmatova Prize

Sofia, Bulgaria, 2019

## EDUCATION

### PhD in economics

the National Transport University of Ukraine

1992 - 1996

### Documentary Film Directing

Ukrainian TV, Radio Broadcasting and Press Institute, Serhiy Bukowski Programme

2015 - 2016

### Creative Writing Courses

Lesia Kurbasa Centre/ Creative Writing School (CWS) Online/ Writers Academy Online

2015 - 2020

## LINKS

### Writers of Ukraine

<https://www.writers.in.ua/new-author/tonya-twist/>

### Cosmo Lady article p.41

<http://www.mob.cosmolady.com.ua/032021/mobile/index.html>