

**Review for the publication "Yakut literature of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Encyclopedia", comp. by P. V. Sivtseva-Maksimova, L. P. Grigorieva, S. I. Egorova; Academic ed. P.V. Sivtseva-Maksimova. Yakutsk: Ayar; 2025:472.**

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This year, the republic celebrates the 125th anniversary of Yakut written literature. Numerous events are marking this anniversary, including roundtables, conferences, the publication of commemorative books, and more. The encyclopedia "Yakut Literature of the 20th Century", prepared by staff at M. K. Ammosov North-Eastern Federal University, has also been published. This publication is the culmination of 10 years of painstaking work by literary scholars in the republic, led by Professor P. V. Sivtseva-Maksimova, Doctor of Philology, and Chief Research Fellow at the A. E. Kulakovskiy Institute. Previously, such reference publications were published as the biobibliographic reference books "Writers of the Olonkho Land" (compiled by D. V. Kirillin, V. N. Pavlova, S. D. Shevko; Yakutsk: Bichik, 2000), "Writers of Yakutia" (author-compiler V. N. Pavlova; editorial board O. G. Sidorov, etc.; Yakutsk: Bichik, 2019). The new edition is an encyclopedia that systematizes the texts of short articles about the life and work of Yakut writers, quotes from works and literary critical works, and bibliographic information. The main content is given in the Yakut language, bibliographic information – in Russian and Yakut. It should be especially noted that this is the first academic reference publication in the Yakut language. The depth of information presented on the history of 20th-century Yakut literature and its intended purpose qualify the publication as a scholarly encyclopedia.

The encyclopedia opens with a preface and a lengthy introductory article by P. V. Sivtseva-Maksimova in Russian, where the author traces the development of Yakut literature throughout the 20th century, highlighting the main achievements and innovative works of writers, and emphasizing the unique character of Yakut literature. "The key features of Yakutia's literary life since its inception have been a constant, vibrant connection with rich folklore traditions and an equally persistent, active pursuit of the artistic norms of Russian culture," the author notes. "The truth of the past century, from this perspective, is that the work of writers laid the foundation for enduring literary traditions. And the unique experience accumulated over the course of a century, preserving real development trends, is reaching a qualitatively new level in the 21st century." [p. 5] The publication's scientific apparatus, in addition to a bibliography, includes information on 22 individual authors of articles, indexes of pseudonyms, and authors of quotations included in the articles.

In compiling a literary reference (encyclopedia), the development of standard articles plays a significant role. Each article serves as a model, a benchmark. Other texts are created based on the type and similarity of the standard article. The creation of a standard article and the standardization of its content and structure should meet the interests of readers, who prefer to use similar materials, and facilitate the work of authors. Encyclopedic articles are characterized by a concise presentation of the essence of a given phenomenon (problem). At the same time, the style of presentation is manifested in the ability to present rich factual material in an accessible form. All these general requirements for an encyclopedic article were taken into account by the authors in developing a unified structure for the reference material (article) during the preparation of this encyclopedia. The standard article includes information about the life and work of the writer, brief reviews of articles and works on the history of the region and the history of literature. This general structure of personalities provides a literary presentation of

the main works. The authors of the articles include literary scholars, researchers, and masters of philology, well-known both in the republic and abroad, as well as staff members of the NEFU scientific library. Among the authors, we also see scholars who, unfortunately, are no longer with us: Doctor of Philological Sciences D. E. Vasilyeva, Candidate of Philological Sciences M. N. Dyachkovskaya, Candidate of Philological Sciences L. R. Kulakovskaya, and Candidate of Philological Sciences T. P. Samsonova. As mentioned above, the articles in the encyclopedia have a uniform structure in accordance with GOST requirements, but each author has their own vision of the material, style, and language. The uniform structure of the encyclopedic article is maintained, while authors are not limited in length – based on the material about the writer, some articles are more detailed, while others are more concise. The biography and work of each writer are presented from a modern perspective. In our opinion, this is what makes each article in the encyclopedia unique. The publication of the encyclopedia "Yakut Literature of the 20th Century" was funded by the Government of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia).

In conclusion, we note that the scholarly publication "Yakut Literature of the 20th Century. Encyclopedia" is the result of many years of fundamental work by Yakut literary scholars. The publication will undoubtedly find its readers among specialists-philologists, graduate students, local historians, and teachers of native language and literature. New data and unknown facts presented in the profiles of individual writers will arouse the interest of researchers. The encyclopedia's materials can also complement courses on the history of 20th-century Yakut literature.