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Under the roof of the Palacký University Olomouc, the second oldest university in the Czech Republic (est. 1573), Palacký University Press has been tirelessly uncovering the *genius libri* of specialist and popular science literature since 1991. It focuses on specialized monographs, medical publications, modern textbooks as well as book projects regarding the fields of history, art, or photography. It gradually develop collaboration with authors from the Czech Republic and abroad and with various culture institutions, which leads to book series with unique content, form, and society-wide and international impact. Thanks to its publishing activities, it helps to further disseminate the results of academic research, popularising science, and fulfilling the "third role" of the university – public outreach.

Palacký University Press's output includes three main categories:

- academic publications (intended for the professional public),
- textbooks (for university students, incl. secondary school students preparing for university entrance exams), and
- popular-science publications (narratively and pictorially rich, from popular to expert publications).

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TEMNÉ OBILÍ

DARK GRAIN

DUNKLES KORN



"An imaginative combination of graphic novel and historical study about the Massaker von Prerau."

Martin Šinkovský – Ticho762
Pavel Kreisinger

*To be released
in May 2025.*

An unconventional double (flip) book maps and presents the events of the so-called Massaker von Prerau, in which more than 260 innocent Carpathian Germans, mainly old people, women and children, were executed shortly after the Second World War, in June 1945.

This engaging combination of an imaginative graphic novel and a historical study has the potential to appeal to a wide group of readers, including teenagers. The book brings a powerful story, written by an acclaimed author duo, as well as newly discovered information from the archives that the public should know. **We are looking for a cooperation with a German-language publisher who would be interested in publishing the book in German translation in 2026, when the Frankfurter Buchmesse will focus on the Czech literature.**



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Štěpánka Bielešová

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The Czech-English edition was awarded at the International Photography Festival in Bratislava and received the Olomouc Region Award for Contribution to Culture. Find more about the edition at photographers.upol.cz.



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FILMOUKA

"A unique textbook about the world of film for school children."

Petr Pláteník and collective

First edition | 2023 | 196 pages

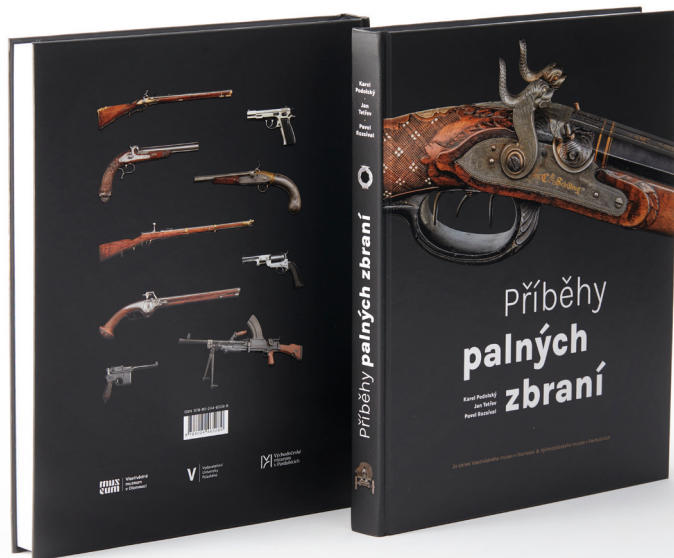
ISBN 978-80-244-6368-1

Sales price CZK 550 (EUR 22)



What's a movie? How is it made? How did it evolve? How to understand it when you are a child? And how to explain it when you are a parent or a teacher? The answers are offered in *Filmouka*, a unique textbook that provides a guide to the world of film for primary school pupils. The visually striking and graphically sophisticated publication is linked to a multimedia website, conceptually uses comic strips and is accompanied by drawings by artist Jaromír 99.

Curious readers will gain insight into the historical development of film from the Lumière brothers to the Netflix era, learn more about the technical preparation of a film, discover how story and atmosphere are built in a film, get a glimpse behind the curtain of the creation of film tricks, and learn about the most common film genres, their specifics and how filmmakers gauge audience moods and trends.



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Karel Podolský, Jan Tetřev,
Pavel Rozsívál
First edition | 2024 | 228 pages
ISBN 978-80-244-6528-9
Sales price CZK 660 (EUR 27)





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MENCIUS

***"A window into
the heart of
Confucianism."***

Ivo Pajorek

First edition | 2023 | 178 pages

ISBN 978-80-244-6440-4

Sales price CZK 290 (EUR 12)



The timeless ideas and moral precepts of Confucianism played a significant role in the historical and cultural development of (not only) ancient China in periods long before our era. Today's readers will find the true essence of this philosophical movement primarily in the canonical set of texts for which the title of the Four Books has been adopted. These include also *Mencius*.

The book *Mencius* is based on the dialogues of Master Mencius with his students. It touches on many topics, from Confucian ideas of rightful government and proper statecraft, through human nature and man's moral role in society, to an argumentatively sophisticated critique of competing non-Confucian teachings.

Master Mencius was a follower of Confucius and a contender of Alexander the Great, Plato and Aristotle. His important work in the Chinese lands in the 4th century BC has long been overlooked. It was not until several hundred years later that he received recognition from historians and literary scholars.



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NATURALISMUS V ČESKÉ KULTUŘE

NATURALISM IN CZECH CULTURE

"A collective monograph that presents naturalism in new perspectives."

Erik Gilk – Dalibor Tureček (eds.)
First edition | 2024 | 328 pages
ISBN 978-80-88278-05-4
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Do you remember what you learned about naturalism in school? Then put it out of your mind... The collective monograph *Naturalism in Czech Culture* is a collective monograph that tackles the somewhat stagnant science of using the term naturalism and tries to make you adopt a different, more open and unbiased perspective.

The book reveals significant differences between the contemporary perception of naturalism, its later interpretations, and our current understanding. Using literary, artistic and musical examples, it presents (not only) Czech naturalism as a dynamic, multifaceted phenomenon that cuts across cultural history.



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RENEŠANČNÍ A MANÝRISTICKÉ ŠTUKATÉRSTVÍ V ČECHÁCH A NA MORAVĚ

RENAISSANCE AND MANNERIST STUCCO IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

***„Discover the
phenomenon of
artistic stucco in
the Czech lands
between 1550 and
1620.”***

Pavel Weisser

First edition | 2022 | 702 pages

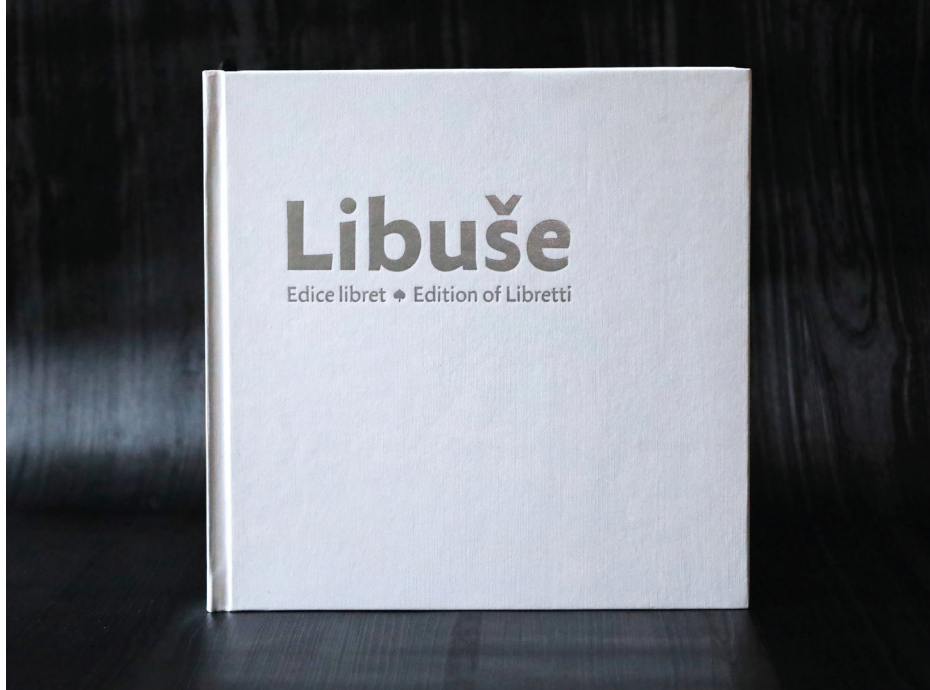
ISBN 978-80-244-6254-7

Sales price CZK 1290 (EUR 52)

This book reveals the phenomenon of artistic stucco in Czech lands in the years 1550-1620.

A rich in images and graphically sophisticated publication reveals the roots of Czech stucco in the Italian Alps, offers the necessary historical and artistic context of the Renaissance period, and brings a comprehensive catalogue presenting the art of stucco in almost 30 Czech towns.





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LIBUŠE. EDICE LIBRET

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„A unique anthology of librettos of the renowned Czech opera.”

Michal Fránek et al.

First edition | 2024 | 620 pages

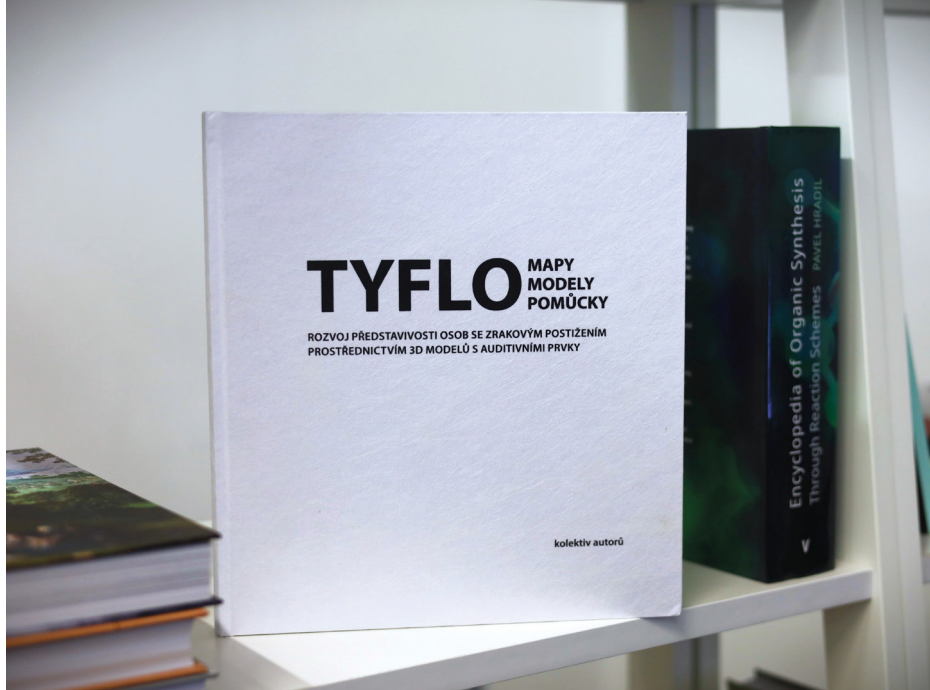
ISBN 978-80-244-6504-3

Sales price CZK 1200 (EUR 48)



The story of the mythical princess Libuše has been one of the cornerstones of the „Old Czech Tales” for more than a thousand years. And not only that. Libuše has inspired countless artists over the centuries and since the end of the 17th century she has also made her way onto the opera stage.

Discover all previously published and unpublished opera librettos and other musical texts, with Libuše as the central character. Thanks to this unique anthology, you can read the original or parallel Czech translation of the works in Italian or German, or get to know the original Czech texts.



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TYPHLOPODS

***„How we can
develop the ima-
gination of people
with visual impair-
ment through
3D models?“***

Veronika Růžicková

Alena Vondráková

First edition | 2023 | 276 pages

ISBN 978-80-244-6383-4

Charles Bridge, the National Theatre, the Karlštejn Castle, Villa Tugendhat or the Olomouc Cathedral. Captivating buildings that are admired by thousands of eyes every year. Persons with severe visual impairments do not have this opportunity, but there is still a chance to explore these architectural gems up close.

This expert monograph provides insight into the issues of people with visual impairments and the results of research into the creation of 3D audio-tactile models that help to develop the imagination of this disadvantaged group.



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CZECH IT UP! series



„Series of Czech for foreigners textbooks, workbooks and websites inspired by Oxford-style study materials.

Darina Hradilová et al.

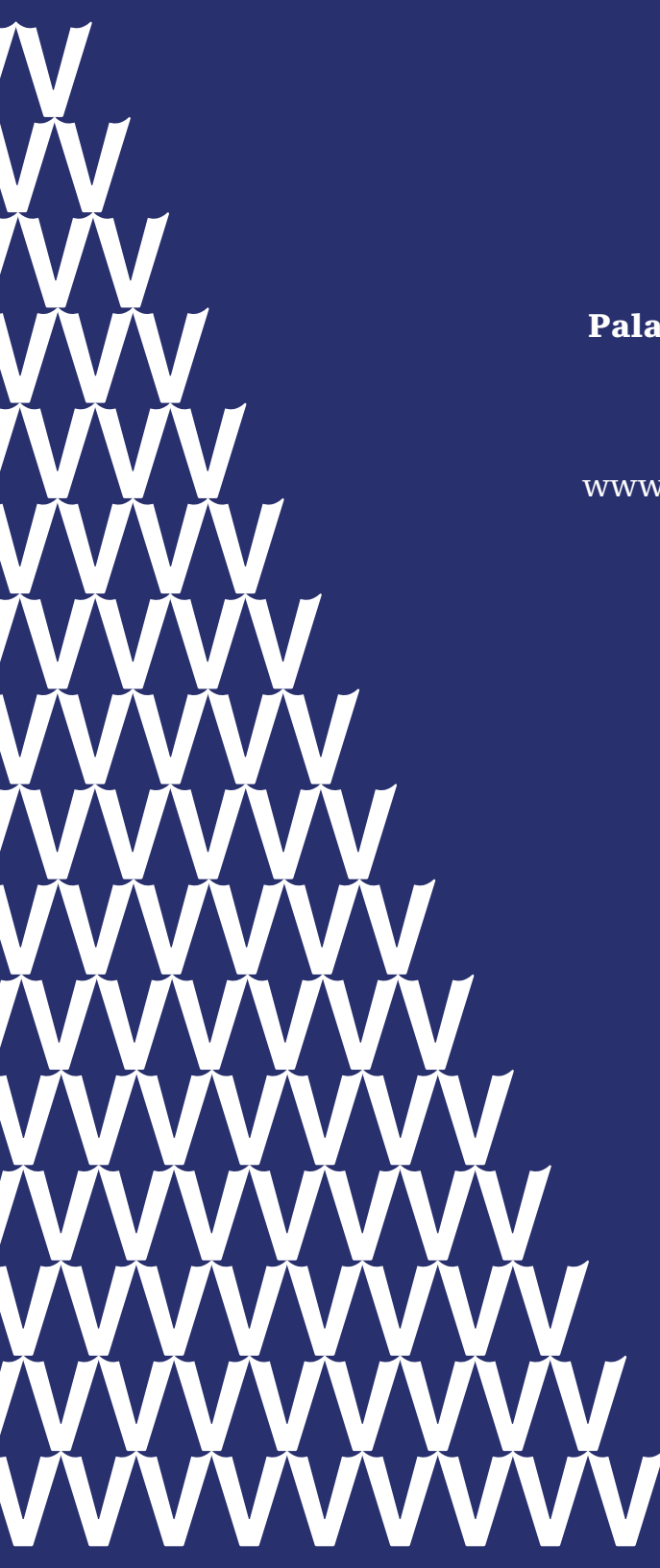
Textbook
CZK 499 (EUR 21)

Workbook
CZK 219 (EUR 9)

The authors of the Czech for foreigners series *Czech it UP!* has been inspired by the modern design of Oxford textbooks and provide a “magazine” format, in which everything essential for each language theme takes place on two opposite pages. The thematic material of the textbooks is adjusted to current social-cultural topics and the present day phenomena.

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