JANUSZ
KORCZAK
1878/1879 - 1942
PEGAGOGUE  
PHYSICIAN  
WRITER  
JOURNALIST  
SOCIAL ACTIVIST

Children's author

Children of the Streets (1901)
Fiddle-Faddle (1905)
Fame (1913)
Bobo (1914)
King Matt the First (1923)
King Matt on a Deserted Island (1923)
Bankruptcy of Little Jack (1924)
Child of the Drawing Room (1927)
Kaytek the Wizard (1935)

Pedagogical books
How to Love a Child (1919)
The Child's Right to Respect (1929)
Playful pedagogy (1939)
Janusz Korczak

was born as Henryk Goldszmidt 22/07/1878 or 1879 in Warsaw.

In the eighth year of his life Henryk began attending the Augustyn Szmurło primary school in Warsaw.

Later he studied at the Praga Secondary School.

In 1898 he passed his secondary school-leaving exam and enrolled in the Medical Department of the Imperial University in Warsaw.
In the final years of his medical studies he began to work at holiday camps: in 1904 and 1907 he worked as a tutor of Jewish children at summer holiday centres.

In 1905 Henryk Goldszmit began working at the Jewish Berson and Bauman Hospital for Children in Śliska 51 street in Warsaw. In 1912 he gave up work at the hospital and took up the post of director of the newly-opened Jewish House of Orphans.
In 1914 Janusz Korczak was drafted to the army.
During the war he wrote one of his most important books entitled Child in a Family - the first part of the four piece cycle *How to Love a Child.*
In 1926 Korczak arranged for the children of the Dom Sierot to begin their own newspaper, the Mały Przegląd. The last issue of Mały Przegląd was published on Friday, the 1st of September 1939.
In 1939, when World War II erupted, Korczak volunteered for duty in the Polish Army. When the Germans created the Warsaw Ghetto in 1940, his orphanage was forced to move from its building, Dom Sierot at Krochmalna 92 to the Ghetto. Korczak moved in with childrens.
In the morning of the 5th of August 1942, he refused abandoning the children and workers of the House of Orphans. He didn't know that Treblinka was a death camp.
Janusz Korczak died 7/08/1942 in Treblinka.
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Quotations

Children, being small and weak, have little market value.

Life is a circus ring, with some moments more spectacular than others.
A hundred children, a hundred individuals who are people-not people-to-be, not people of tomorrow, but people now, right now-today.

Don't try to become a teacher overnight with psychological bookkeeping in your heart and educational theory in your head.

The lives of great men are like legends-difficult but beautiful.
Whatever has been achieved through pressure and violence is unstable, unreliable and incorrect.
Children are not the people of tomorrow, but are people of today. They have a right to be taken seriously, and to be treated with tenderness and respect. They should be allowed to grow into whoever they were meant to be. 'The unknown person' inside of them is our hope for the future.
JANUSZ KORCZAK

Children’s Friend