

Bernardina Franjka Horvat – Unknown Writer

The article presents an outline of the life and work of Bernardina Franjka Horvat (1899 - 1932), a prolific woman writer and a member of the religious Congregation of Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul – Zagreb. It reviews social and historical contexts as well as the wider context of further reception and positive evaluation of her literary work. The period includes the time of her fruitful educational work in the grammar school led by the Sisters of Charity in Zagreb, as well as the time following her death during which her works were further evaluated. Although Bernardina Horvat was very young when she died, she left a rich literary opus (mainly plays) which requires additional evaluation and possible incorporation in the literary corpus of the contemporary Croatian literature.

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