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RECENT PUBLICATIONS (LATE AUTUMN 2026)



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Stories and Vicissitudes of Gertrud Wurm. An Erotic Miniature

A literary celebration of female cyclicity, sensuality, and refined culinary art.

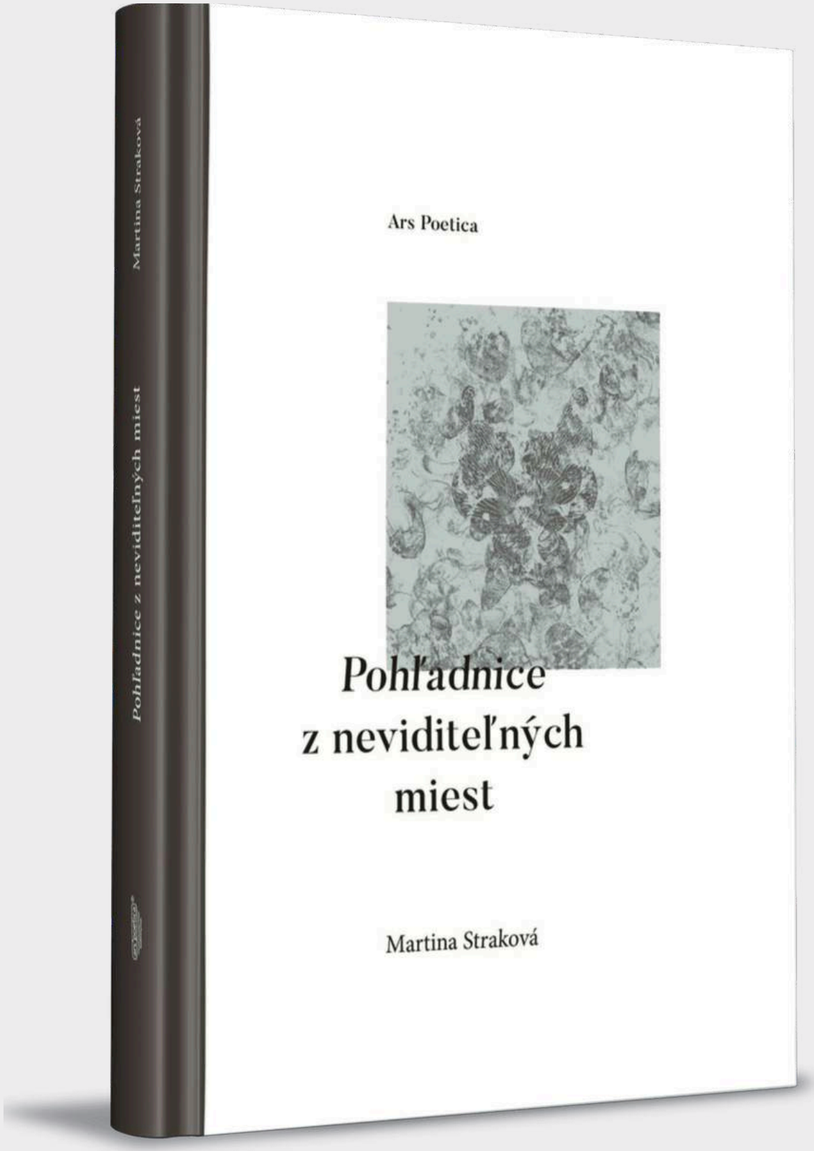
LITERARY WORK & POETRY

Postcards from Invisible Places – Poetry collection (2019)

Awarded the globally renowned

UNESCO **The Bridges of Struga** Award.

„An original language of water, plants, moths, and other natural things.“
– John Minahane



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Selected poetry in English translation available here: https://www.versopolis.com/poet/244/martina-strakova

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Pen name: Irène Findrych

How Mrs. Frida the Spider Designed Her New House and Who Helped Her with It (2024)

Selected for Spotlight on the Latest Children's Books, Bologna 2026 by the Slovak Literary Centre.



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Puntidlo and Puntidielko. The Fairy Tales of Little Splodges (2021)

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Four Magpie Birdies and a Hummingbird or Christmas Surprises You've Never Experienced Before (2020)

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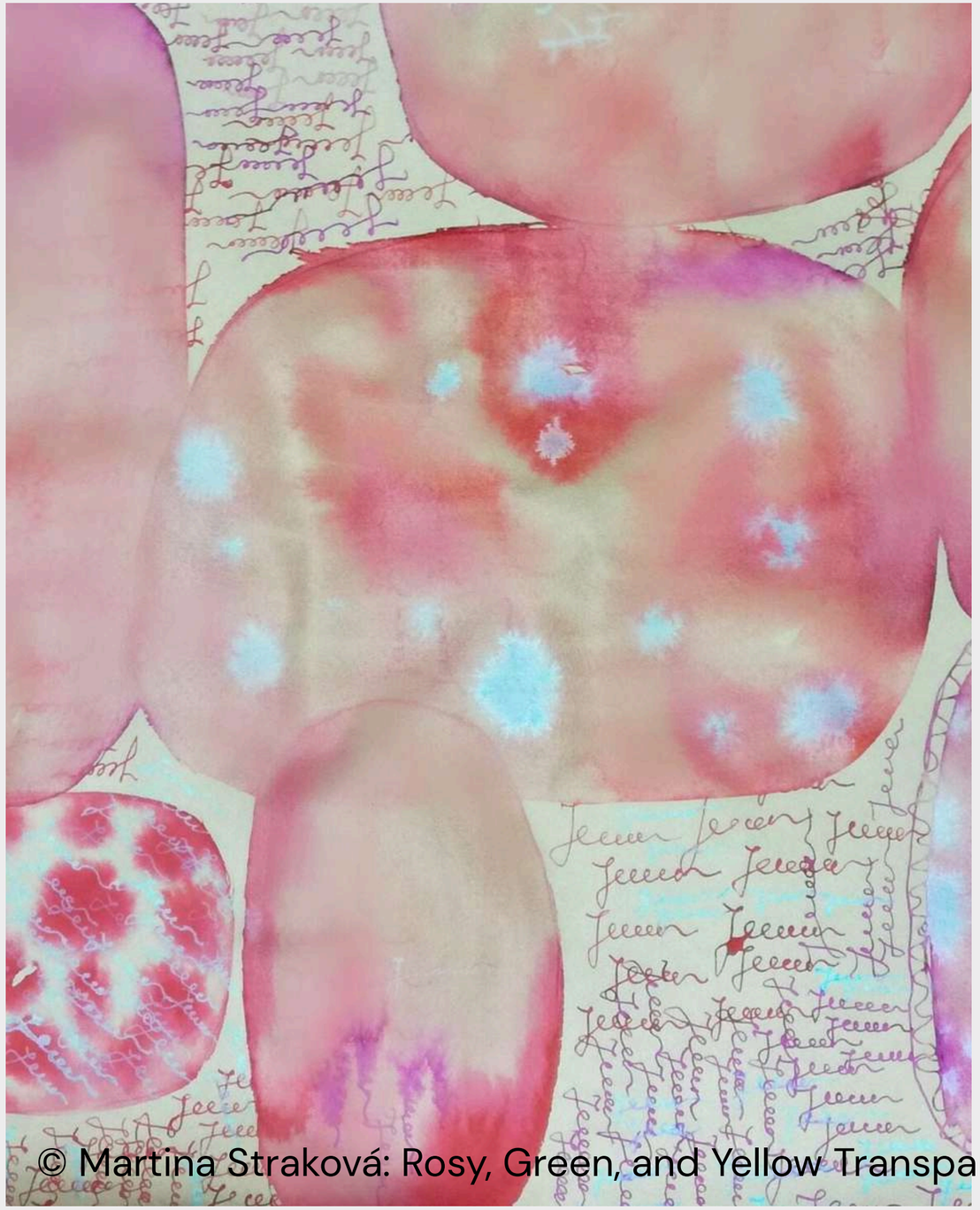
VISUAL ART & TEXTILE

I Need Kitsch to Be Able to Be Happy in This World (2020) – Crocheted large-scale tapestry in dialogue with poetry

"I Need Kitsch..." A conversation by / with Sylvia Geist for the online project poetskatze.de

https://www.martistrak.sk/martina-strakova-ich-brauche-kitsch-im-gesprach-mit-sylvia-geist/









WATERCOLOUR CYCLES: TRANSPARENCIES

– Visual translation of philosophical and musical structures

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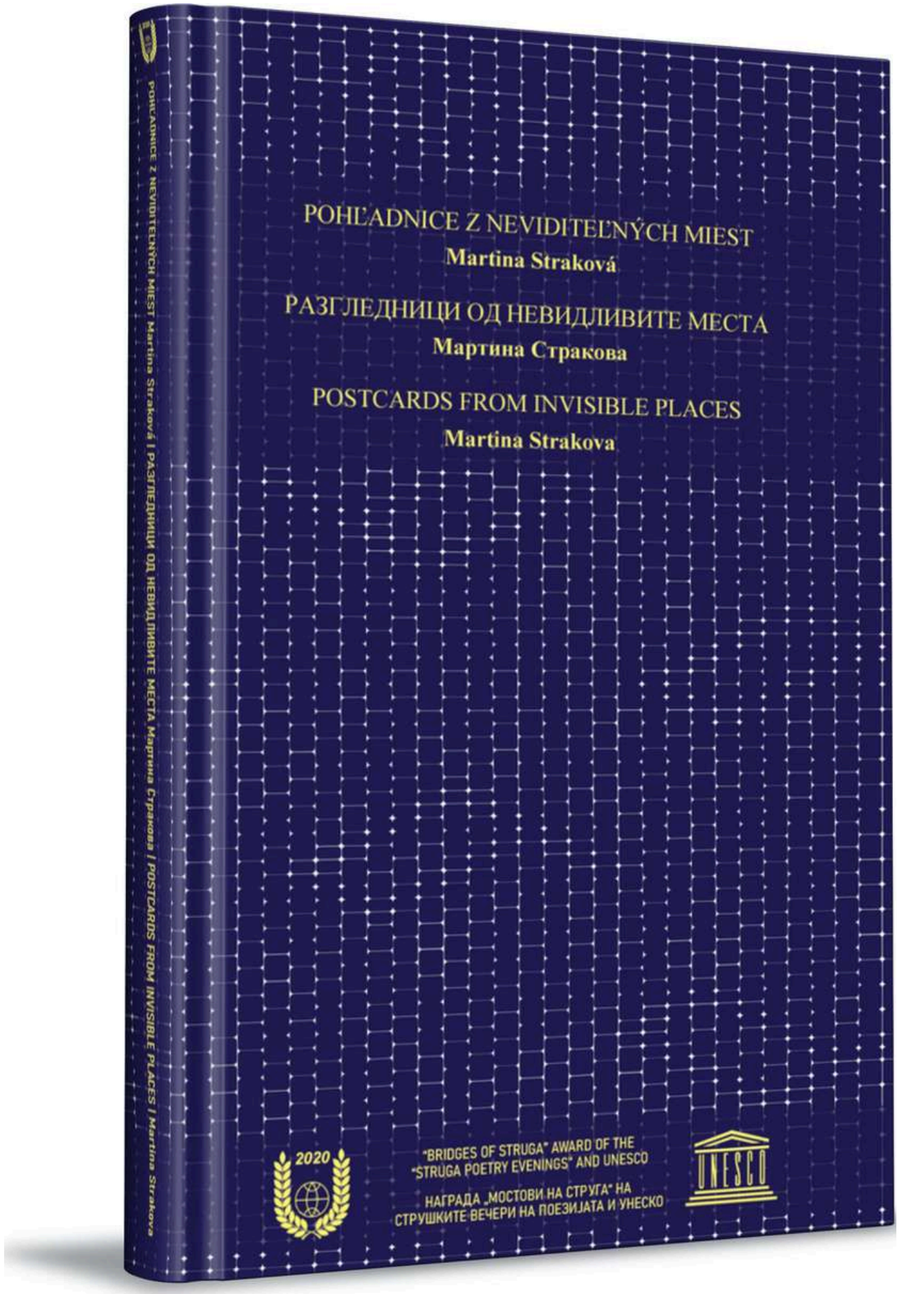
INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATIONS (SELECTION)

- *International Poets of 2022–2024* (Ed. Zhao Si) – International anthology of influential voices in world and modern poetry.
- Romanian edition of *Postcards from Invisible Places* – Standalone translated edition.
- Macedonian edition of *Postcards from Invisible Places* – Trilingual edition (Slovak, English, Macedonian) – The Bridges of Struga UNESCO Award.







FROM GERMAN INTO SLOVAK: MY LITERARY TRANSLATIONS (SELECTION)





- Nora Gomringer – *Selected Poems* (2017)
- Alma Karlin – *A Solitary Journey Through the World* (forthcoming 2027)
- Sylvia Geist – *Morning-blue Animal and Other Poems* (2017)



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