

Charles Aznavour

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The book "**With a soft whisper**" was introduced to the Armenian readers in 2019. It was published in France in 2009. This autobiographical documentary book recounts Aznavour's life lessons, the irony of fate, and his journey from a self-taught person to receiving honorary doctorate degrees from three universities. He reflects on dreaming of the Charles Croix Music Award for 20 years and then declining it.

Aznavour openly discusses modern morals, emerging stars, self-promotion and, of course, love.

Through this book, he shows young people his path, shares his life experience, which can be useful for their careers.

"**The Last Door**" by Charles Aznavour was published in May 2020. The book also engages in an open dialogue with the reader. Here, the great chansonnier talks about his new encounters. Aznavour tells how he voted in elections, responded to fake news about his death, met his fake relatives, flew in a presidential plane for the first time and worked as an ambassador. And finally, in this book, for the first and last time, he answers the question: Do you feel more French or Armenian?

"**As Long as My Heart Beats**" is the continuation of Aznavour's life story. In this book, he responds the accusations of his relentless critics and the yellow press, tells how he got his 2nd passport and, finally, why he never retires. In his characteristic style, Aznavour wittily, self-sarcastically and humorously talks about his experience, views, perceptions of modern life, as well as life, death, love and money.

The 4th book by the chansonnier "**My Dad; That Giant**" is Aznavour's first fiction collection featuring 16 novellas and short stories written by the songwriter at various stages of his life and published in 2007. In 2021, on Aznavour's birthday, the Armenian translation was released. The collection is full of surprises, drama and the philosophy of happiness. Aznavour talks about his

father with special fondness, portraying him as the kindest, most gentle, most caring person, who embodied love, was extremely attentive to his mother and always ready to help his neighbors. Along with the presentation of the book in Yerevan, the bust of Charles Aznavour was unveiled in Odeon Square in Paris.

"La Bohème. Days Gone" is Aznavour's 6th memoir written in 2003 and its translation was presented to the Armenian readers on December 7, 2021. The book is Aznavour's last and most voluminous autobiography concluding his prose. In the book written eighteen years ago, he speaks directly and clearly about the days gone, with the details of exclusive memories, about the most interesting, exciting and dramatic, funny stories about his life and behind the scenes, about the women in his life and his New York adventures.

New World. Poetry. Part 1 The collection of poetry consists of 500 songs written by Aznavour between 1940 and 2010. The first part of the Armenian translation features 113 works some of which brought him success, some caused a stir, and some forced him to refine his style and enter the literary world. Themes include passion, love, betrayal, devotion, separation, suicide, deception, gambling, repentance, conversation with God. There are no closed topics for Aznavour's writing.

Love and War. Poetry. Part 2: Charles Aznavour's "Love and War" is the 2nd volume of the collection of 500 songs written between 1940 and 2010 featuring 118 songs-poems. The collection includes patriotic, love, reflective poems as well as a poem depicting the April Four-Day War and its aftermath.

For you, Armenia. Poetry. Part 3

This is the third volume of Charles Aznavour's poetry collection. The volume includes poems expressing various forms of love: songs dedicated to Armenia, France, family and "Madam Life". It is noteworthy to single out "For you, Armenia" hit song which gave hope after the Spitak earthquake.

I'm not leaving... Poetry. Part 4

The fourth volume of Charles Aznavour's poetry features the songs written in the last 28 years of his life with a more mature and refined style. The volume also includes the famous "When You Love Me" song which is one of the 30 arias from his first and only musical *Lautrec*, dedicated to the French giant of post-impressionism, Henri de Toulouse Lautrec.

The readers will get to know the collective works by Aznavour-Karvarents, Aznavour-Legrand, Aznavour-Trene and will discover the song "Tender Armenia" written by the brother and sister Aznavours.

On May 22, 2024 Charles Aznavour's 100th birthday, Newmag and Amundi-Acba Asset Management published a two-volume commemorative book summarizing all ten books published over five years.

Charles Aznavour, Collection of Works Volume 1

Prose

This complete volume of Charles Aznavour's prose includes his five autobiographical works and a collection of short stories published by Newmag (2019-2023). In his memoirs, Aznavour speaks candidly about his family, past and career challenges, sharing life lessons and the irony of fate. Here are also the maestro's 16 novellas, written with his characteristic humor and imagination. Whatever the topic - Armenia, bohemia, love, friends, Hollywood - Aznavour is always honest and straightforward, modest and tolerant.

Charles Aznavour, Collection of Works Volume 2

Poetry

This collection of poetry encompasses four volumes of the maestro's poetry: "New World", "Love and War", "For You, Armenia", "I'm Not Leaving...", each previously published as separate books. Some of these works brought him success, some caused a stir, and some forced him to refine his style and enter the literary world. Themes include passion, love, betrayal, devotion, separation, suicide, deception, gambling, repentance, conversation with God. There are no closed topics for Aznavour's writing.

During the 5-year project, not only were Aznavour's literary works translated, but 6 music videos were produced. In 6 years, thanks to the project, 6 songs were also performed in Armenian. Newmag translated, produced Charles Aznavour's works "Stay", "Take Me", "Who", "Die Loving", "Venice is Sad", "Children of This War" with new instrumentation and music videos. The songs were performed by Syuzanna Melkonyan, Erik Karapetyan, Andre, Sofi Mkheyanyan and Shushan Petrosyan.

Charles Aznavour was born in Paris in 1924. He began his musical career in 1940. The first song, "I've Been Drinking" (1944), performed by Georges Ulmer, won the "Record of the Year" award. Aznavour's breakthrough came in 1946, when Edith Piaf heard him and arranged to join her tours in the USA and France. He achieved worldwide fame in 1956 after performing at the "Olympia" hall in Paris. Aznavour recorded 1200 songs, starred in dozens of films. He received Armenian citizenship in 2008. Aznavour is the author of 9 books.