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**New translation of Polish travel memoir is a window to life in America 100 years ago**

*The first ever English translation of* Impressions of America *by Konstanty Buszczyński is a valuable primary source and a lively read.*

WARSAW – MARCH 2020 – When Konstanty Buszczyński travelled to America in 1910, it was the start of a love affair culminating in his appointment as the first Polish Consul of New York. His account of that voyage and his musings on the place of the United States in the world have now been translated into English for the first time by translator Kasia Beresford in an edition from Kabaty Press. *Impressions of America* is an important new primary source for historians, but also an entertaining read, covering everything from analysis of the political and economic climate to the nuances of ‘cow-boys’ and a visit to Niagara Falls.

Konstanty Buszczyński (1856-1921) was an industrialist who ran a successful company specialising in sugar beet seeds, with research and development facilities located in Utah. In pursuit of his business and for his own pleasure, he travelled widely around what he called ‘an extraordinarily beautiful, rich, extremely dynamic country.’ *Impressions of America* contains an account of his travels but also an analysis of the American society and character at the turn of the 20th century, as experienced by a well-connected foreigner. Buszczyński alternates descriptions of his touristic activities (a visit to Niagara falls, a train journey across Colorado) with deeper analysis of subjects such as the role of religion in the American state and the role of irrigation in opening up the West. He is particularly interested in the Polish diaspora and their role in American life.

In his foreword, Dominic A. Pacyga, Emeritus Professor at Columbia University and author of *American Warsaw: The Rise, Fall and Rebirth of Polish Chicago,* calls the book ‘A love song to the nation.’ Manager of Kabaty Press Isobelle Clare Fabian says, ‘It’s not very often that a new primary source comes along, so it’s an essential read for anyone with an interest in American history.’

This title is the first publication from Kabaty Press. Founded in 2018, it aims to make never-translated gems of literature available to a worldwide, English-speaking audience using print-on-demand technology and online distribution.

*Impressions of America* (Paperback $24.99 ISBN: 9788395556203, eBook $18.99 ISBN: 9788395556210) is available from 31 May 2020 at [www.kabatypress.com](http://www.kabatypress.com) and all leading online retailers.

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