

Summary

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In the article the author looks closer at the illustrated edition of books written by Janusz Korczak, published in Poland between 1950s and today. There were not so many publications as one could have presumed judging from relatively big popularity of „Old Doctor”. The attention is paid to the two volumes of adventures of king Matt (*King Matt the First* and *King Matt on a Desert Island*) illustrated by Jerzy Srokowski (1957), Waldemar Andrzejewski (1978), and quite recently by Marianna Oklejak (2011); *Kaytek the Wizard* graphically decorated by Gabriel Rechowicz (1960), Tomasz Borowski (1978), and once again Oklejak (2012); *Bankruptcy of Little Jack* with illustrations by Wiesław Majchrzak (1979) and a short story *Fame* with black-and-white drawings by Leonia Janecka (1958). The artists applied their original, though very different from each other, styles in creation of these illustrations, and Srokowski's version of King Matt seems to be one of the most recognisable characters of Polish children's books. The most interesting appeared to be the possibility of comparing illustrations executed by different artists, which accompany one particular scene from one of the books. The comparison shows to what extent the interpretations may vary between one another.