

This diploma thesis has two goals. One of them is to bring a compact biography of the Czech writer Zdeněk Matěj Kuděj (1881 - 1951), one of the representatives of modernism and a close friend to the writer Jaroslav Hašek. Despite intensive search I was not able to get any record or evidence of the whole Kuděj's life.

In the second part, the thesis covers the part of his work which was influenced by his travels, primarily those which took him outside Bohemia. Between years 1903 - 1909 he traveled the USA. He lived as a tramp and made his living as a casual worker. Experiences from this period were later described in couple of his books. In 1913 he spent almost a year in a prison of the tsarist Russia. Also this experience was reflected in his work.