

# **Abstract**

## **A History of Czech Children Magazines 1850–1989**

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The present thesis describes the evolution of children magazines in the Czech language from the very beginning of their existence around the half of the 19th century to the fall of the communist regime in 1989. The time span is divided into five periods. Their boundaries are defined by editorial, economic and ideological changes of magazine publishing. As a result of a century and a half of efforts there exists a unique Czech tradition of magazines for children, with its own specific practice, features and results.

The thesis itself consists of three main parts; 1) an introduction discussing theoretical problems of writing a history of magazines, delimitating the material of the history itself and placing it in broader context, 2) a main body examining the five periods of the development of Czech children magazines, their features and main titles, 3) an overview of titles listing all Czech magazines for children with a brief description and publishing data.

The text is supplemented by previews of pages from all magazines and by ten short additional materials devoted to a history of children magazines in the world, of Slovak magazines for children, of exile periodicals for children in the Czech language, of children newspaper supplements, and to other aspect related to the topic under examination.