A Sportsman's Sketches

A  Sportsman's  Sketches  (Russian:  Записки  охотника;  also known  as  The
Hunting Sketches and Sketches from a Hunter's Album) was an 1852 collection of
short stories by Ivan Turgenev. It was the first major writing that gained him
recognition. He wrote this collection of short stories based on his own
observations while hunting at his mother’s estate at Spasskoye, where he learned
of the abuse of the peasants and the injustices of the Russian system that
constrained them. The frequent abuse of Turgenev by his mother certainly had an
effect on this work. The stories were first published in The Contemporary with
each story separate before appearing in 1852 in book form. He was about to give
up writing when the first story, "Khor and Kalinich," was well received. This work is
part of the Russian realist tradition in that the narrator is usually an uncommitted
observer of the people he meets.

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