

As a novelist and short story writer, he created a body of work in which memory drives narrative. The world that memory seeks to recapture is that golden twilight of the Dual Monarchy, unforgettably evoked in his Sindbad stories. Sindbad puzzles over the amorous adventures of his youth, in an endless pursuit of dreams and emotions that he can never attain.

Krúdy's reputation and popularity in Hungary have never slipped and more of his work is appearing in translation. This selection from the Sindbad stories shows off his qualities as a writer admirably.