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Anton Chekhov pictured with his wife, Olga.

Happy birthday Anton Chekhov! 154 years ago today, on Jan. 29, 1860, one of the best known authors of short stories was born in Russia. Besides writing, Chekhov worked as a physician for most of his life. "Medicine is my lawful wife, and literature is my mistress." he wrote in one of his letters.

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