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Date of birth: 11/23/1920 | **Date of death:** 04/20/1970

Occupation or position: Author

Paul Celan was one of the major German language poets and translator after World War II. His poetry being influenced by his traumatic experience during the Holocaust is distinct by its great complexity and extraordinary power. He was born as Paul Antschel into a Jewish family in Czernowitz ([Cernăuți](#)), Northern [Bukovina](#), a region then part of Romania and changed his name to "Paul Celan" (where Celan in Romanian would be pronounced *Chelan*, and was derived from *Ancel*, pronounced *Antshel*).

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[Paul Celan: Studies in his Early Poetry - a book by Hugo Bekker](#)





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