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Poetry:

Černyj kub (Black Cup), 1997 Izbran' (Selected), 2002 Kvadratni korijen iz minus Ja (Square Root from Minus Me), 2003 Ploščadnye stihi (Verses from Square), 2004 Nov'e (New), 2004

Fiction:

Levyj polusladkij (Left semi-sweet) 2001 Fudbol' (Football) 2004.