

Mazliak, Laurent**Ten letters from Wolfgang Doeblin to Bohuslav Hostinský.** (French. English summary)[Zbl 1190.01009](#)[J. Électron. Hist. Probab. Stat. 3, No. 1, Article 15, 15 p. \(2007\).](#)

The ten letters presented here (in French) were concerned with probability theory and were written between 1936 and 1938. An interesting and authoritative discussion of these letters and their background is presented (in English) in *L. Mazliak's* paper "On the exchanges between Wolfgang Doeblin and Bohuslav Hostinsky" [Rev. Hist. Math. 13, No. 1, 155–180 (2007; [Zbl 1217.01025](#))]. The promising and substantial career of Doeblin [1915-1940] in probability theory was tragically cut short by Döblin's suicide after the Nazi defeat of the French army, in which Döblin was serving. Döblin was the son of the well-known author Alfred Döblin of the novel, Berlin Alexanderplatz.

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