**Robin Hood and Čaruga**

Robin Hood is a legendary heroic outlaw originally depicted in English folklore and featured in literature and film. He is one of the most famous heroes in Britain. Jovan Stanislavljevć known by his nickname Čaruga, was an outlaw in Slavonia in the early 20th century. I think they are really similar, so it is hard to find any difference between those two. They did the same things only in different places and at different times.

I think the hardest question to answer is:” Are they good people or are they robbers?”. I think they did some bad things, but because they helped the poor, they truly deserve the title of the heroes of their time. I would like to describe their lives shortly, so you can understand me better. There are lots of stories , poems, films and TV series about Robin Hood. Nobody knows if he was a real person, but according to the legends he lived in the 12th century and he was an outlaw. We can say for sure that Čaruga existed, because there are many real documents which talk or mention his name. But we can't say for sure if all the stories about him are real. Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest near Nottingham. Robin's great enemy was the Sheriff of Nottingham. He was corrupt man and a cruel. He put hight taxes on people and if they couldn't pay the taxes , he threw them into prison or stole their land. According to one legend Robin Hood became an outlaw because the Sheriff took all his land away. Čaruga was an outlaw in Slavonia , he joined „zeleni kadar“ and became their leader. „Zeleni kadar“ was the name of his band of outlaws. Robin Hood also had his band of outlaws, they were called his Merry Men. The most famous were Little John ( he was actually very tall), Will Scarlett and Friar Tuck. Robin and his band „Merry men“ were dressed green and Robin also wore a hat with the green feather. He always carried a bow and arrow, he was a famous archer. Robin Hood and Čaruga used to steal money from rich people and give it to poor people. They became heroes because they and their bands helped poor and ordinary people. They were actually helping the poor by stealing money and in eyes of those same people, they were real heroes. Those were though times, so people needed help. In my opinion they had good intensions, but I don't like the fact that they killed people. I personally think they could have found a different way of helping the poor. The story of Robin Hood sounds less real to me, because there are not many documents about Robin, compared to Čaruga. They both died in stories in their own, different way. When Robin was dying, he took his bow and fired an arrow into the forest. The outlaws buried Robin in the place where it landed. Before Čaruga died he said:“Goodbye folks, Čaruga is traveling!“. There is a modern Robin Hood and his name is Srđan Đaković. He robbed the bank and then shared the money with the poor.

They have 2 stories : they were heroes to the poor, but at the same time, they were robbers according to law. Even today, they are the main topic of various folk stories, movies and theatre plays. Despite doing some bad things, they truly set an example of helping others.

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