

# The Man Booker Prize

The prize is for 'the best novel in the opinion of the judges'.

The Man Booker prize celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2008 after launching in 1969. It aims to promote the finest in fiction by rewarding the best novel of the year written by a citizen of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth or the Republic of Ireland. To maintain the consistent excellence of the Man Booker Prize, judges are chosen from a wide range of disciplines, including critics, writers and academics, but also poets, politicians and actors, all with a passion for quality fiction.

Year	Book	Author
2012	Bring up the Bodies	Hilary Mantel
2011	The Sense of an Ending	Julian Barnes
2010	The Finkler Question	Howard Jacobson
2009	Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel
2008	The White Tiger	Arvind Adiga
2007	The Gathering	Anne Enright
2006	The Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai
2005	The Sea	John Banville
2004	The Line of Beauty	Alan Hollinghurst
2003	Vernon God Little	DBC Pierre
2002	Life of Pi	Yann Martel
2001	True History of the Kelly Gang	Peter Carey
2000	The Blind Assassin	Margaret Atwood
1999	Disgrace	J. M. Coetzee
1998	Amsterdam: A Novel	Ian McEwan
1997	The God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy

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1996	Last Orders	Graham Swift
1995	The Ghost Road	Pat Barker
1994	How Late It Was, How Late	James Kelman
1993	Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha	Roddy Doyle
1992	The English Patient	Michael Ondaatje
1992	Sacred Hunger	Barry Unsworth
1991	The Famished Road	Ben Okri
1990	Possession: A Romance	A.S. Byatt
1989	The Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro
1988	Oscar and Lucinda	Peter Carey
1987	Moon Tiger	Penelope Lively
1986	The Old Devils	Kingsley Amis
1985	The Bone People	Keri Hulme
1984	Hotel Du Lac	Anita Brookner
1983	Life & Times of Michael K	J. M. Coetzee
1982	Schindler's Ark	Thomas Keneally
1981	Midnight's Children	Salman Rushdie
1980	Rites of Passage	William Golding
1979	Offshore	Penelope Fitzgerald
1978	The Sea, the Sea	Iris Murdoch
1977	Staying on	Paul Scott
1976	Saville	David Storey
1975	Heat and Dust	Ruth Praver Jhabvala
1974	The Conservationist	Nadine Gordimer
1974	Holiday	Stanley Middleton
1973	The Siege of Krishnapur	J. G. Farrell

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1972	G.	John Berger
1971	In a Free State	V. S. Naipaul
1970	The Elected Member	Bernice Rubens
1969	Something to Answer For	P. H. Newby

## The Man Booker International Prize

Worth £60,000, the prize is awarded every two years to a living author who has published fiction either originally in English or whose work is generally available in translation in the English language. The winner is chosen solely at the discretion of the judging panel and there are no submissions from publishers.

Launched in 2005, the Man Booker International Prize has already established itself as a major player in the literary world and has literary excellence as its sole focus.

The Man Booker International Prize is significantly different from the annual Man Booker Prize for Fiction in that it highlights one writer's overall contribution to fiction on the world stage. In seeking out literary excellence, the judges consider a writer's body of work rather than a single novel.

Writers from across the globe are eligible for the bi-annual prize, provided their work is available in English.

Year	Author	
2011	Philip Roth	
2009	Alice Munro	
2007	Chinua Achebe	Nigerian writer
2005	Ismail Kadare	Albanian novelist and poet

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